

U.S. and allies say Syria leader must step down

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WASHINGTON – The United States and several of its major allies Thursday called on Syria's president, Bashar Assad, to give up power. The carefully choreographed announcements came after months of popular

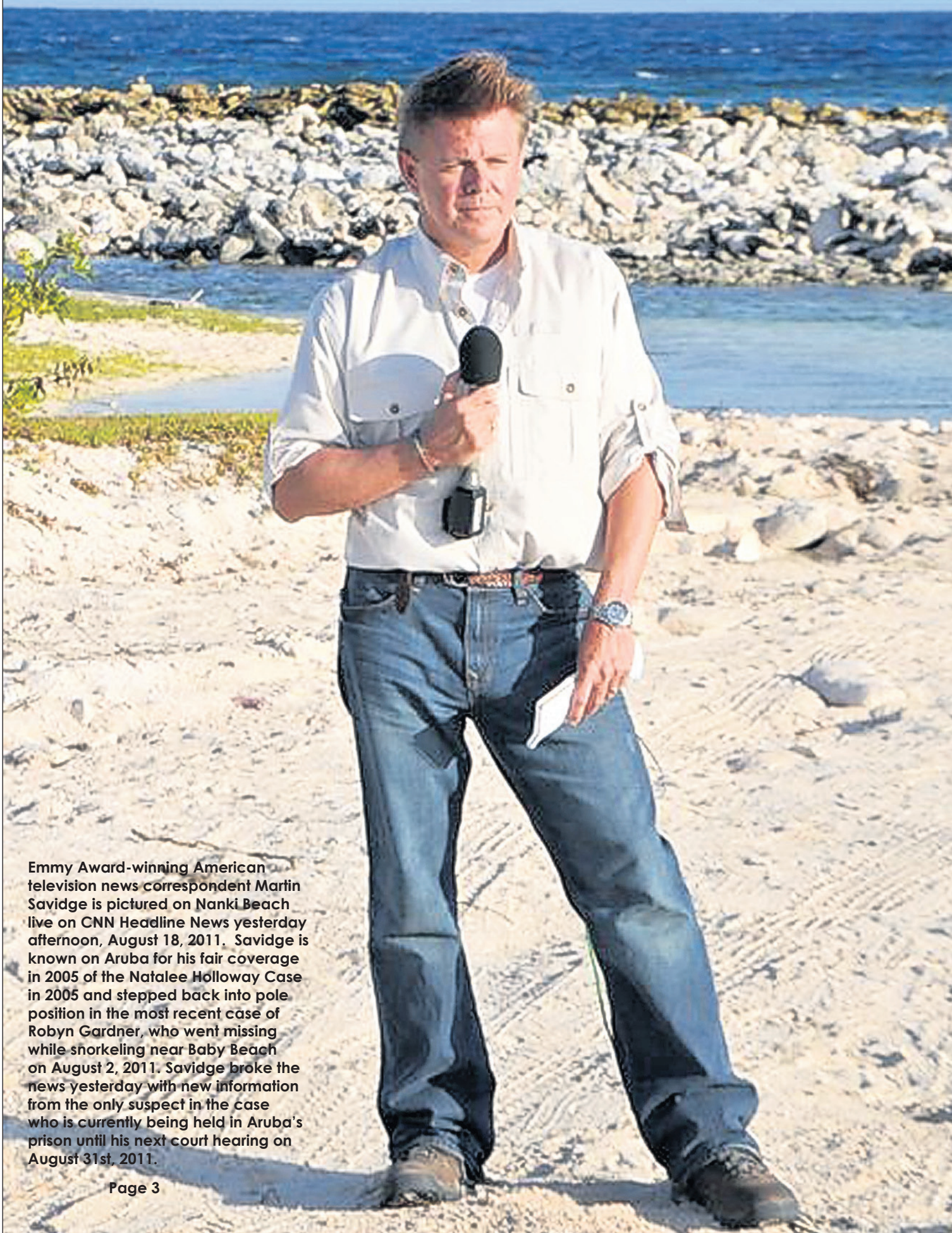


Jordanian Foreign Minister Nasser Judeh enters his office prior to an interview with the Associated Press, in Amman, Jordan Thursday, Aug. 18, 2011. Jordan is "angered" and "extremely worried" by the killings of civilians in Syria, Foreign Minister Nasser Judeh said Thursday, urging his northern neighbor to resort to dialogue to end the violence. (AP Photo/Raad Adayleh)

protests and increasingly deadly reprisals that the U.N. commissioner for human rights said amounted to crimes against humanity by the Syrian authorities. President Barack Obama, who had faced criticism for not acting more assertively, ordered the freezing of all Syrian assets within U.S. jurisdiction, banned imports of Syrian oil and barred U.S. citizens from having any business dealings with the Syrian government, which the administration once courted in the hopes of improving relations.

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Suspect sought insurance payout



Emmy Award-winning American television news correspondent Martin Savidge is pictured on Nanki Beach live on CNN Headline News yesterday afternoon, August 18, 2011. Savidge is known on Aruba for his fair coverage in 2005 of the Natalee Holloway Case in 2005 and stepped back into pole position in the most recent case of Robyn Gardner, who went missing while snorkeling near Baby Beach on August 2, 2011. Savidge broke the news yesterday with new information from the only suspect in the case who is currently being held in Aruba's prison until his next court hearing on August 31st, 2011.

Obama's vacation may provide a break from Washington's woes

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VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass. — President Barack Obama slipped out of Washington on Thursday to join his family for a nine-day vacation on Martha's Vineyard, leaving behind the most dismal stretch of his presidency and looking to recharge for what is sure to be an epic political battle this fall over the nation's finances.

The bad news followed the president to the steps of his helicopter, with stocks on Wall Street resuming their stomach-churning slide amid fresh fears that the economy will relapse into recession. But in a flurry of high-level diplomacy, he did manage to orchestrate a tougher global response to the bloody crackdown in Syria and issued his first

explicit demand that its president, Bashar Assad, resign.

Obama, who is on his third summer vacation on Martha's Vineyard as president, is expected to fall into a time-tested schedule of walks, bike rides and ice-cream outings with his daughters and a couple of dinners out with his wife, Michelle.

The White House said he has no public events planned, although he will huddle with economic advisers and prepare for a major speech on economic policy after Labor Day. Brian Deese, the deputy director of the National Economic Council, will travel to Martha's Vineyard next week, as has the president's top counterterrorism adviser, John O. Brennan.

On his first Christmas vacation in Hawaii, Obama was criticized for reacting too slowly to the attempted bombing of a Northwest

that the website Politico cracked that he had entered a "Mittness Protection Program."

The Republican National

bus tour of the Midwest this week. Despite encountering audiences anxious about the economy and the job market, the trip



A sign outside a business sending a message to President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama in West Tisbury on the island of Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts, Aug. 18, 2011. After meeting separately with his national security and economic teams on Thursday, Obama set off for a 10-day vacation with the family in Martha's Vineyard.

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Airlines jet.

"The president of the United States is the president of the United States, wherever he goes," said Joshua Earnest, the deputy White House press secretary.

In what is a predictable ritual, there were calls from Republican quarters about Obama's decision to take time off during such a fraught period — not to mention his choice of this elite enclave, favored by Kennedys, Clintons and other members of the Democratic Party aristocracy. The apparent Republican front-runner, Mitt Romney, said that if he were in the president's shoes, "I would go back to my office immediately." Speaking to a Chicago radio station, he said, "If I were president, I wouldn't be looking to spend 10 days on Martha's Vineyard."

In fact, Romney will be on Martha's Vineyard himself for a fundraiser Aug. 27, while Obama is there. Romney has also come under criticism for his leisurely summer break at his lakeside home in New Hampshire — one long enough

Committee got into the act, too, issuing 18 postcards, as part of a fundraising email, that ridiculed Obama's sagging approval ratings and his choice again this summer to hole up at an expensive secluded estate, known as Blue Heron Farm ("This \$50,000 per week estate is wicked awesome," says one).

"Before he jets off, send him a postcard," the Republican chairman, Reince Priebus, wrote. "He sure needs a break after a long year crisscrossing the country raising money to save his job — all the while over 14 million Americans are out of work and even more are suffering because of his policies."

White House officials brushed aside the criticisms. "He's also a husband and a father," Earnest said, adding, "I don't think the American people begrudge the president spending a little time with his wife and daughters, at the end of the summer, before his daughters head back to school."

Obama did squeeze in a three-day campaign-style

seemed to be a tonic for the president.

"I had a great time," he said to reporters flying back from Peoria, Ill., with him Wednesday. "The more we're out of Washington, the better."

According to the latest Gallup poll, four out of five Americans disapprove of Obama's handling of the economy, the lowest ratings of his tenure. His overall approval rating was 40 percent, Gallup said.

Obama has fared better on the foreign-policy front. His announcement of sanctions against the Syria government — and his call on Assad to step down — came after a series of phone calls last week and this week with the leaders of Britain, France and Germany, as well as with Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey. Obama's vacationing habits fall in between his two immediate predecessors, according to Mark Knoller, a CBS News reporter who tracks these things. By his count, Obama has taken 10 vacation trips in his presidency, covering all or part of 61 days. □



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Aruba suspect sought insurance payout

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Associated Press

Aruba (AP) — Investigators have been told that just two days after an American tourist was reported missing in Aruba, her travel companion tried to collect on a \$1.5 million accidental-death insurance policy he took out on her, The Associated Press has learned. A person who provided information to authorities told the AP that Gary V. Giordano, now detained on the Caribbean island, bought the insurance specifically for his five-day getaway with Robyn Gardner. The person did not have authorization to publicly release the information and agreed to speak only on condition of anonymity. Aruban authorities previously confirmed that Giordano had an insurance policy that covered the missing woman, but withheld details, including who the beneficiary is or whether Giordano tried to collect. Solicitor General Taco Stein late Thursday confirmed to the AP that the coverage was in the amount of \$1.5 million.

Giordano, a 50-year-old owner of a temporary staffing business from Gaithersburg, Md., traveled to Aruba with Gardner on July 31 and reported her missing two days later. He told police that she disappeared while the two were snorkeling.

He initially assisted the search but was detained at the airport Aug. 5 as he tried to leave Aruba. Authorities said they found discrepancies in his story. Giordano has denied any wrongdoing through his attorney.

A judge ruled Monday there is enough evidence to hold Giordano until at least the end of August on suspicion of involvement in Gardner's presumed death.

The 35-year-old woman's body has not been found and Aruban authorities had been expected to begin a large-scale search of the island for her remains and other evidence by the end of this week. But on Thursday, officials postponed the operation until early next

week, saying they needed more time to prepare.

Aruban authorities in general seem more guarded with information than they were during the investigation into the 2005 disappearance of Alabama teenager Natalie Holloway — a case that remains unsolved. Holloway disappeared on the final night of a high school graduation trip to the island.

Stein, the spokesman for the investigation, has confirmed that Giordano had travel insurance, but said

Aug. 4. He sought to confirm that the documents listing him as the insurance beneficiary had been received and wanted to begin redeeming the policy. This person also said that records indicate Giordano asked whether any search costs would be covered by the policy.

A spokeswoman for American Express, Gail Wasserman, said the company could not comment on any individual policies for privacy reasons.

Giordano's attorney, Mi-

lands for processing. It will be used to compare with any evidence that might be collected, Stein said.

The FBI, which searched Giordano's home in an upscale Washington suburb, has been assisting Aruban authorities with the investigation and has put out a missing-person poster with three photographs of the 5-foot-4-inch blonde, including one showing a jungle-print design tattoo on her left shoulder. The poster urges anyone with information about Gardner to con-



Baby beach on Aruba

authorities are still reviewing financial documents provided by U.S. authorities and are trying to determine if they are relevant to the investigation.

"It's not unusual in and of itself to buy travel insurance," he told the AP. "Loads of people do it."

Investigators were trying to determine if there was anything unusual about the policy.

"If you change the policy around and make it higher or whatever, then it may be of interest to the investigation, but we haven't established that yet," Stein said. The person with knowledge of the policy told the AP that Giordano purchased the \$1.5 million policy shortly before he left for Aruba and that the accidental-death benefit covered only the trip.

The source told the AP that Giordano called American Express Travel Insurance on

Michael Lopez, did not respond to a request to comment on the insurance policy. The attorney has previously said that there is no evidence that Giordano committed any crime and that he should be released. Investigators are seeking to collect enough evidence by the next detention hearing to hold Giordano for another 60 days and proceed to trial.

Among the material collected so far, Stein said, are "explicit" photos of Gardner that were stored on Giordano's camera, which has been confiscated. Stein declined to provide details of the photos, but he said that partial images of Giordano appeared in some of them.

Investigators are still trying to determine when the photos were taken. Investigators have taken a DNA sample from Giordano and sent it to the Nether-

tact the FBI or the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

The exact nature of the relationship between Gardner, who had a boyfriend back home in Maryland, and Giordano, a twice-divorced father of three sons, isn't clear, but the prosecutor's office has said they stayed in a room together at a Marriott hotel in Aruba. Gardner, who is from Frederick, Md., had recently been laid off from her job as a patient care coordinator at a dental office.

Investigators said they have little information about what the couple did and how they behaved while on the island and have urged any witnesses to contact police.

They are planning to release a photo of the couple's rental vehicle in the coming days in hopes that anyone who may have seen it will contact the authorities, Stein said. □

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Bachmann avoids gay rhetoric

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DES MOINES - Gabe Aderhold arrived at the Iowa State Fair early, planting himself on a hay bale in front of the soapbox where Representative Michele Bachmann of Minnesota was scheduled to speak. The 17-year-old had driven four hours from his Minneapolis suburb to ask the presidential candidate to respond to a rash of teen suicides in her district, many of them by gay students. Bachmann breezed onto the stage 30 minutes late and spoke for less than three. When she declined to take questions, Aderhold jumped atop the hay and shouted: "I am a second-class citizen because of you, Michele! You can't



Republican presidential candidate, Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., signs a poster for a supporter at The Hall at Senate's End, in Columbia, S.C., Thursday, Aug. 18, 2011, during her bus tour of the Palmetto State.

(AP Photo/Brett Flashnick)

pray the gay away."

Bachmann, an evangelical Christian who in the past has called homosexuality a dangerous "sexual dys-

function" that amounts to "personal enslavement," paid no mind to the wiry, bespectacled teen in braces. Instead, □

Bodies found in Mexico might be dead marines

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The Mexican navy said Thursday it found bodies in the Gulf coast state of Veracruz that could include those of three marines and a naval cadet kidnapped by suspected drug cartel gunmen earlier this month.

Mexican drug cartels have kidnapped and killed military personnel before, but it remains a relatively rare occurrence.

The navy said in a statement that objects belonging to the kidnapped servicemen were found in a raid on a warehouse Sunday and that investigators later found the four bodies in four pits on the outskirts of the state capital.

The raid also resulted in the capture of five people suspected of participating in the abductions, authorities said. Neither the navy nor federal security spokesman would say which cartel the suspects allegedly worked for, but the Zetas gang is known to be active in the area.

The statement said the bodies were being examined to determine whether they were the servicemen, who went missing in the first week of August. Three of them went missing while driving in a civilian car and the fourth one disappeared while off duty.

At the time, authorities said that a drug cartel was suspected in the abductions.

Two other navy personnel also disappeared earlier this summer in Veracruz. Their whereabouts remain unknown.

Also Thursday, soldiers killed eight gunmen in a clash in the northern border state of Nuevo Leon, authorities said. Soldiers were on patrol in the town of Agualeguas when they came under fire from gunmen who were inside a house, said a state official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not allowed to discuss the case.

The official said six gunmen died inside the house and soldiers killed two others on an empty lot nearby. Soldiers seized 10 automatic rifles, 2,000 rounds of ammunition and military uniforms. □

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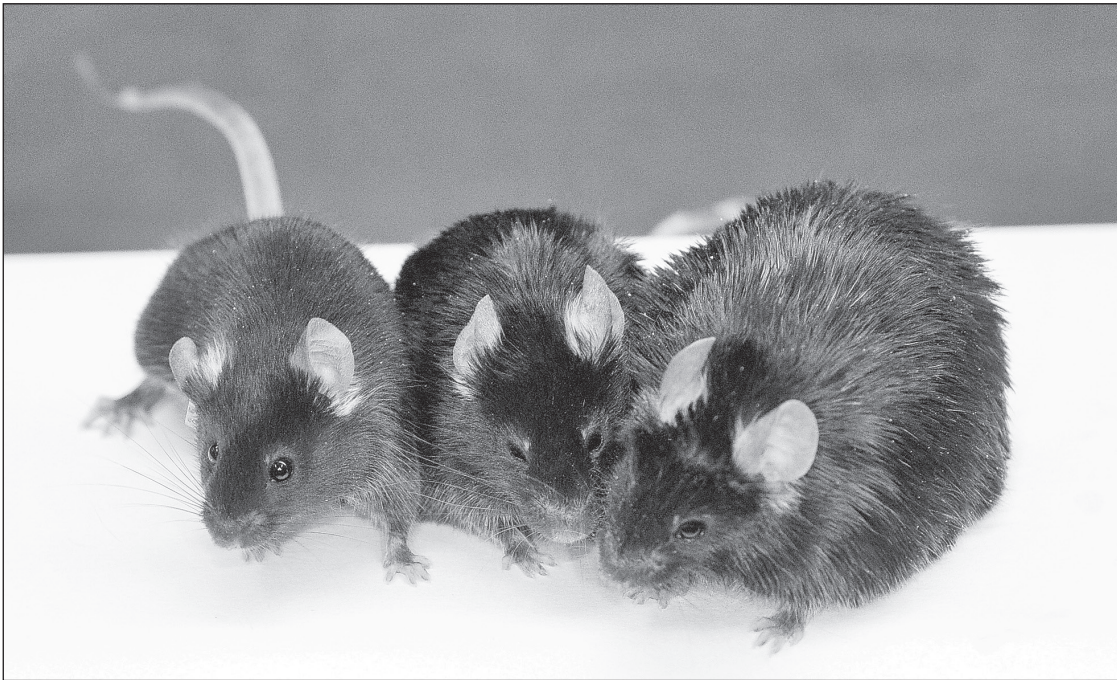
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Drug is found to extend lives of obese mice



An undated handout photo of an obese mouse given the drug SRT-1720 center and one not given the drug, right. The drug SRT-1720, that mimics resveratrol, the component of red wine that is thought to be beneficial, helped mice live 44 percent longer than other obese mice, researchers said.

(Doug Hansen)

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Sustaining the flickering hope that human aging might somehow be decelerated, researchers have found they can substantially extend the average life span of obese mice with a specially designed drug. The drug, SRT-1720, protects the mice from the usual diseases of obesity by reducing the amount of fat in the liver and increasing sensitivity to insulin. These and other positive health effects enable the obese mice to live 44 percent longer, on average, than obese mice that did not receive the drug, say a team of researchers led by Rafael de Cabo, a gerontologist at the National Institute on Aging. Drugs closely related to SRT-1720 are now undergoing clinical trials in humans. The findings "demonstrate for the first time the feasibility of designing novel molecules that are safe and effective in promoting lon-

gevity and preventing multiple age-related diseases in mammals," de Cabo and colleagues wrote in Thursday's issue of the new journal Scientific Reports. Their conclusion supports claims that had been thrown in doubt by an earlier study that was critical of SRT-1720.

A drug that makes it cost-free to be obese may seem more a moral hazard than an incentive to good health. But the rationale behind the research is somewhat different: The researchers are trying to capture the benefits that allow mice on very low-calorie diets to live longer. It just so happens that such benefits are much easier to demonstrate in mice under physiological stress like obesity than in normal mice.

"The drugs could be used as a preventative to stave off diseases, but I don't think they will ever be an excuse to abuse your body," said David Sinclair, a biologist at Harvard Medical School

and co-chairman of the scientific advisory board of Sirtris, which developed SRT-1720.

The company, a small pharmaceutical concern in Cambridge, Mass., designed SRT-1720 and a set of similar drugs to mimic resveratrol – the trace ingredient of red wine that is thought to activate protective proteins called sirtuins. The sirtuins help bring about the 30 percent extension of life span enjoyed by mice and rats that are kept on very low-calorie diets. Since few people can keep to such an unappetizing diet, researchers hoped that doses of resveratrol might secure a painless path to significantly greater health and longevity. □

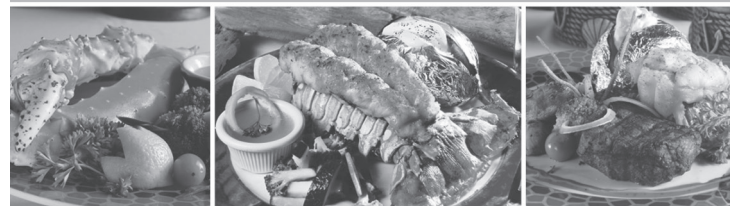
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At this camp, crafts might require a drill press

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RIVER GROVE, Ill. — Forget tie-dyed shirts, lanyards and water games. At summer camp this year, Nautika Koteri, 13, learned to use a drill press, solder electrical wires and build a lamp. Though the slim, 5-foot-5 teenager dreams of becoming a basketball star, Nautika now has a back-up plan after her week-long immersion course: a career in manufacturing. Just over a quarter of the 11.7 million workers in manufacturing are women. But Gadget, a camp for girls in this suburb west of Chicago, is part of an effort to change that. Although the economy is wobbling and nearly 14 million people are looking for work, some employers are still having a hard time finding skilled workers for certain positions. Manufacturers in particular complain that few applicants can operate computerized equipment, read blueprints and solve pro-



Campers react to an experiment at MSI Testing and Engineering Inc. during a Gadget Camp field trip in Melrose Park, Ill. The camp, like nine other camps this summer, is being sponsored to help expose boys and girls to an occupation, such as manufacturing, that they might previously have considered unappealing.

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duction problems. And with the baby boomers starting to retire, these and other employers worry there will be few young workers willing or able to replace them. The Gadget camp, sponsored in part by a foundation affiliated with the Fabricators and Manufacturers Association, which is providing financing to nine other camps this summer, is intended to help over the long haul in part by expos-

ing girls to an occupation they might previously have considered unappealing, if they considered it at all. By the last day of camp, Nautika had told her parents that manufacturing was "cool." Fashioning a lamp shade out of a thin piece of cardboard, she mused, "I have two good careers ahead of me." Since the fragile recovery began, manufacturing is one of the few sectors that

have added jobs. But the image of manufacturing as an occupation of the future has been tarnished by the exodus of factory jobs to foreign sites and the use of machinery to replace workers.

Younger people, especially, see more alluring opportunities in digital technology, finance or health care. "The perception is that there are no jobs in manufacturing," said Susan H. Palisano, director of education and training at the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, a nonprofit group in East Hartford, Conn., that promotes manufacturing employment and has run summer programs for middle-school students for the past three years. "It seems that everybody had an uncle or grandfather that got laid off."

Across the country, a handful of companies, nonprofit groups, public educational agencies and even science museums are trying

to make manufacturing seem, well, fun.

Focusing mainly on children ages 10 to 17, organizations including the Da Vinci Science Center in Allentown, Pa.; and Stihl, a maker of chain saws and other outdoor power equipment in Virginia Beach, Va., run camps that let students operate basic machinery, meet workers and make things.

Nuts, Bolts & Thingamajigs, the foundation that helped sponsor the Gadget camp in River Grove, has awarded \$2,500 grants to 112 manufacturing-themed camps — most of them for boys and girls — around the country since 2004. "It's not easy getting people into the career field," said Marcia Arndt, a board member of the foundation. "I think there's a myth out there that manufacturing is dirty and undesirable, but it's really highly technological." Impressions also persist that manufacturing is a man's job. □

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2 guilty in swastika branding case

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ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico (AP) —

The first men charged under a federal law that specifically banned hate crimes against disabled people pleaded guilty Thursday to branding a swastika on the arm of an American Indian man.

The pleas were entered by Paul Beebe, 28, and Jesse Sanford, 26, to charges filed under the 2009 law that expanded civil rights protections to specifically include violence based on gender, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.

"Just when you think you've seen it all, along comes a case that shocks the conscience," said Assistant U.S. Attorney General Thomas Perez, who oversees the Justice Department's civil rights division.

The law also eliminated a requirement that a victim must be engaged in a federally protected activity such as voting or attending school.

Perez said Beebe and Sanford exploited the man's mental disability and "defamed his body with the most obvious symbol of hate."

Another defendant, 29-year-old William Hatch, pleaded guilty in June to conspiracy to commit a federal hate crime.

The three men were charged in November under the federal hate crimes law for burning the swastika onto the arm of Vincent Kee, a Navajo Indian, with a metal coat hanger.

During the plea hearing, Beebe and Sanford acknowledged they took Kee to Beebe's apartment in April 2010 and began drawing on his body with markers after he fell asleep. □

Study:

Blacks less likely to win grants than whites

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KENNETH CHANG

A research grant application from a black scientist to the National Institutes of Health is markedly less likely to win approval than one from a white scientist, a new study reported Thursday.

Even when researchers made statistical adjustments to ensure they were comparing apples to apples — that is, scientists at similar institutions with similar academic track records — the disparity persisted. A black scientist was one-third less likely than a white counterpart to get a research project financed, the study found.

"It is striking and very disconcerting," said Donna K. Ginther, a professor of economics at the University of Kansas who led the study. "It was very unexpected to find this big of a gap that couldn't be explained."

The findings are being published in Friday's issue of the journal Science.

At the NIH, which commissioned the study, top officials said they would follow up to figure out the causes of the disparity and take steps to fix it.

"This situation is not acceptable," said Dr. Francis S. Collins, the director of the NIH, a federal medical research center. "This is not one of those reports that we will look at and then put aside."

The researchers said they did not know whether the panels that review the grant applications were discriminating against black applicants, whether applications from black researchers were somehow weaker, or whether a combination of factors was at play.

In the study, Ginther and her colleagues looked at 83,000 grant applications from 2000 to 2006. For every 100 applications submitted by white scientists, 29 were awarded grants. For every 100 applications from black scientists, 16 were financed.

After the apples-to-apples



Dr. Francis Collins of the National Institutes of Health, at the Pierre Hotel in New York, Oct. 2, 2009. A black scientist seeking a grant from the National Institutes of Health is one-third less likely than a white counterpart to receive financing, according to a study commissioned by the institutes.

(Jennifer S. Altman/The New York Times)

statistical adjustments, the gap narrowed but still existed.

The medical research community has long struggled to recruit more minority scientists. For example, about 2.9

percent of full-time medical school faculty members are black, Collins said; according to census figures, blacks make up 12.6 percent of the population. But the study now shows that

the few blacks who do enter research are not on an even playing field.

"It indicates to us that we have not only failed to recruit the best and brightest minds from all of the groups that need to come and join us," Collins said, "but for those who have come and joined us, there is an inequity in their ability to achieve funding from the NIH."

Members of other races and ethnic groups, including Hispanics, do not appear to run into the same difficulties. Asians were somewhat less successful, but the gap disappeared when foreign-born scientists — who may have difficulty with English in writing successful grants — were excluded.

Earlier studies have found that women have largely the same level of success as men in obtaining NIH grants. □



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After attacks, Israel bombs Gaza and lectures Egypt

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JERUSALEM — Armed attackers, described by authorities as Gazans who had crossed into Israel from Egypt, carried out multiple deadly attacks near the popular Red Sea

resort of Eilat on Thursday, prompting an Israeli bombing raid on Gaza and threatening to escalate tensions there.

Eight Israelis were killed and more than 30 were wounded in the attacks near Eilat, the most serious on Israel from Egyptian territory in decades. The attacks highlighted how the fallout from the Egyptian revolution — lawlessness in the northern Sinai Peninsula and a softer line in Cairo toward Iran and the militant group Hamas — had frayed ties with Israel.

The Israeli military said it had killed at least four of the attackers in the desert near the Egyptian border. Hours later, it retali-



ated with several airstrikes on Gaza. In the first such strike, six Palestinians, several of them members of a militant group, were killed, according to the group's spokesman and medical officials in Gaza.

The attacks near Eilat were the deadliest in Israel since Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu took office 2 1/2 years ago, and they come at a time of great uncertainty as the Palestinians plan to seek recognition of statehood at the United Nations in the fall.

The defense minister, Ehud Barak, described the attacks as "a grave terrorist incident" that had originated in Gaza and could probably be attributed to the "loosening" of Egypt's hold over Sinai since the revolution. Yet Israel appeared reluctant to blame the Egyptian authorities, not wanting to inflame an already delicate situation and preferring to use the events to urge more constructive Egyptian action.

"Our hope," one Israeli official said, "is that this trage-

dy will serve as an impetus for the Egyptians to firmly exercise their sovereignty in all of Sinai and to end the security vacuum that has started to emerge there."

In a short address to the nation Thursday night, Netanyahu did not mention Egypt by name and directed the blame at Gaza, which is governed by Hamas.

Referring obliquely to that evening's first swift airstrike on Gaza, he said, "Those who gave the order to murder our citizens, while hiding in Gaza, are no longer among the living." Egyptian officials denied that the attackers had crossed Egyptian territory to get to the Eilat area. Hamas also rejected the Israelis' accusations, calling them part of a plot "meant to justify an Israeli aggression against Gaza."

Officials in Gaza said the militants killed in the Israeli airstrike belonged to the Popular Resistance Committees, a shadowy group

that has worked with Hamas. The group's military commander was among those killed in the airstrike, which hit a house in Rafah, in southern Gaza.

A spokesman for the group said that three of the commander's assistants and a 3-year-old boy were also killed. The group later claimed responsibility for firing three rockets at the Israeli coastal city of Ashkelon in retaliation.

No one was killed in the rocket attack.

Further Israeli strikes hit Hamas training and security facilities. Officials in Gaza said a 13-year-old boy was killed in a house near one of the sites; Hamas had already evacuated the facilities. Israeli analysts pointed to the group's possible connections to the multipronged attack near Eilat.

"If Hamas did not give the order, it must have known about plans for such a large-scale attack," said Ely Karmon of the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya, Israel. □

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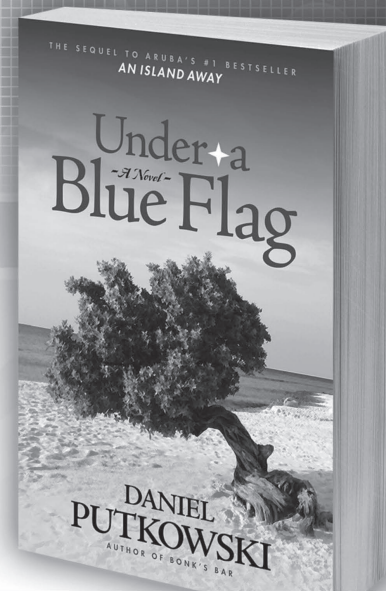


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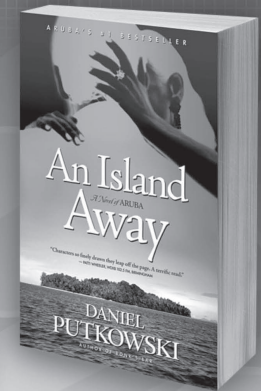
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Return of hosiery:

Sheer torture or pure polish?

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL

AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — So you thought they were gone — gone forever — until Kate Middleton hit the scene.

Then Marc Jacobs put them on the runway, Banana Republic partnered with "Mad Men" and, suddenly, everywhere you look, sheer hosiery seems to be in fashion again.

Since the heyday of the '80s, there's been a casual revolution, a revolt against power suits and the sexy secretary skirt. Both lent themselves to covered-but-sheer legs.

Now, why do women need pantyhose? They wear pants, get spray tans and slap on the Spanx. Because legs look better when you wear them, says Cathy Volker, executive vice president of global licensing for Donna Karan, including Donna Karan Hosiery.

"It's like mineral cosmetics on your skin but better," says Volker, who promises the pantyhose of today boasts many advances since previous versions. The fabric is more comfortable, the elastic less restricting and they can offer toning and shaping benefits, she says.

Celebrity stylist Sophia Banks-Coloma is sold. She wore sheer pantyhose to a recent red carpet event in Los Angeles. "I do think they are coming back. I especially love them in black or white with a seam up the back. We're not talking 'Mrs. Doubtfire' tan stockings, but

nice, flattering pantyhose and tights."

Erase any image of brownish, loose legwear that pools at the ankles, she says, and start imagining the stylish Duchess of Cambridge or her sister,



This product image courtesy of Donna Karan Hosiery shows tights by Donna Karan. Since the heyday of the 1980s, there's been a casual revolution, a revolt against covered-but-sheer legs. Now hosiery is making its comeback.

(AP Photo/Donna Karan Hosiery)

Pippa. No one is mistaking them as stodgy or uncool, Banks-Coloma says.

Noni Cavaliere, a social-media marketing specialist in New York, wears them; her favorites are those with the sexy Cuban heel and back seam. Pantyhose flatter and help a woman appear professional and feminine, she says.

"You have that 'Mad Men' influence everywhere, and the very feminine office look is popular again," says the 30-year-old Cavaliere. "I've worked on Wall Street where women wear suits and heels, and I've worked in the tech world where people wear ripped jeans, flip-flops and a ripped T-shirt."

I couldn't do that. I like looking like a girl all the time, and pantyhose is part of that."

She's not wearing them on the hottest days of the summer, of course, but on that first day with a fall chill, she'll likely be rocking the sheerest pair she can find. "I like the shiny ones that Kate Middleton wears. Like that compression of Spanx and how it looks with a pencil skirt."

Pantyhose should be a given for job interviews, says Julie Perez, a 22-year-old apparel studies student at the University of Arkansas. "My professors say, 'Hosiery — you still have to do it. Yes, it's 2011, but you have to do it.'"

Perez says she doesn't really mind. She's a fan of how the Middletons look, and she's loving the sheer dot-covered hosiery in the Banana Republic ads. "Maybe I'm just old-fashioned like that," she says.

Perhaps stockings and even pantyhose as Betty Draper and Joan Holloway knew them are a thing of the past, says "Mad Men" costume designer Janie

Bryant, and those uncomfortable things should stay that way.

But if you're talking about a modern pair of textured tights, lace tights or seamed sheers (with the added benefit of shapewear), you could be at the forefront of the next big thing, Bryant says.

"The trend of the natural leg came to be, and people just gave in that this item was so uncomfort-

able — and with the suntan leg, it was hard to get the right color. It's like the slip. It was old-fashioned. But then the slip came back in as streetwear, and I think the trend for legwear is that it's back and going strong — although probably not the suntan ones."

Market research firm NPD puts women's hosiery sales in the U.S. at more than \$3 billion, up 2.9 percent from May 2010 to May 2011. □

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He called on other countries to impose their own sanctions, focusing on Syria's oil and gas industry, and European leaders suggested those were now under consideration.

The ultimate effect of the chorus of international condemnation and sanctions remains to be seen, and the United States and its allies risked highlighting their relative powerlessness to alter events inside Syria. But their decision to turn up the pressure substantially could have a profound psychological effect on a government that has survived for decades by retrenching during crises and manipulating relations in the region – from Turkey to Israel, Lebanon to Iran – to keep itself relevant, if not admired.

Diplomatically, at least, Syria now appears more isolated than at any other time in the 41 years that Assad or his father, Hafez, has led the country. Administration officials and diplomats said they hoped that fact alone could break open fissures among the political and business elite cosseted under Assad's rule. Until now they appear to have bet on the government somehow surviving.

It was Obama's first explicit call for the Syrian leader to resign, and it came after

weeks of divisions within the administration and mounting criticism from many in Congress, advocates of Syrian democracy and others that the United States and other nations had responded too tepidly to the violent suppression of protests that have swept Syrian cities for five months. It also followed behind-the-scenes diplomatic maneuvering in which Turkey took the lead in an unsuccessful effort to

coordination with allies in Europe. "He has not led. For the sake of the Syrian people, the time has come for President Assad to step aside."

Almost simultaneously, Prime Minister David Cameron of Britain, President Nicolas Sarkozy of France and Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany issued a joint statement urging Assad "to face the reality of the complete rejection

sued a damning 22-page report that concluded that Syrian government forces might have committed crimes against humanity by carrying out summary executions, torturing prisoners and harming children.

The U.N. report, overseen by the high commissioner for human rights, Navanethem Pillay, accused Syria of grossly violating its citizens' rights and carrying out "numerous summary execu-

that the U.N. Security Council consider referring Syria to the International Criminal Court for prosecution. In New York, the Security Council met later Thursday and discussed potential steps against Syria.

The United States and European members of the Security Council pressed for a resolution condemning Syria and were debating sanctions that could include an arms embargo, a freezing of assets and a ban on travel by the country's leaders, diplomats there said.

They would not say whether the Council would consider referring the matter to the international court but did say that Council members expressed a desire to hold accountable those responsible for the violence. At the United Nations, Syria said the United States was trying to use the Security Council as an "instrument" to instigate further instability. Even Russia, which has resisted punitive measures against Syria so far and appears likely to veto an embargo, has sounded increasingly frustrated with Assad's government, which has ignored repeated calls to halt the violence, including those from countries like Turkey with which it had closer relations.

While Assad told the U.N. secretary general, Ban Ki-moon, on Wednesday that the crackdown had in fact ended, activists within Syria said the violence continued unabated. □



Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton makes a statement about Syria, Thursday, Aug. 18, 2011, at the State Department in Washington.

(AP Photo/Luis M. Alvarez)

persuade Assad to halt the violence.

"We have consistently said that President Assad must lead a democratic transition or get out of the way," Obama said in a statement released Thursday after

of his regime by the Syrian people and to step aside in the best interests of Syria and the unity of its people." Canada made a similar appeal, as did the European Union. The U.N. human rights office in Geneva is-

tions, including 353 named victims." It also said that members of the security forces "posed as civilians in order to cause unrest and portray an inaccurate picture of events."

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Storm kills 3, injures 71 at Belgian festival

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Associated Press

HASSELT, Belgium (AP) —

A storm swept through a popular open-air music festival in this eastern Belgium town on Thursday killing at least three people and injuring more than 70 others, an official said.

Ambulances and police cars raced to and from the site of the Pukkelpop festival, near the town of Hasselt, 50 miles (80 kilometers) east of Brussels, late Thursday, their sirens blaring. Concertgoers described scenes of panic as the sky darkened, the winds whipped, rain poured, hailstones nearly half an inch (larger than 1 centimeter) across pelted the crowds, and concert structures buckled. "It was frightening. It looked terrible. All the structures collapsed," said Brinnie Gardner, 20, of Auckland, New Zealand, who is on a tour of Europe with a friend. "There was panic. It was crazy."

Hugo Simons, Hasselt's head of emergency medical planning, told VRT radio that three people had died, 11 had been severely injured and 60 had sustained light injuries as a result of the storm. Organizers estimated that 60,000 people were at the three-day festival, which started Thursday, when the storm broke. Many were streaming out of the grounds after the storm, which turned the festival site into a scene of mud and destruction within about 10 minutes. Video from the site showed stage equipment dangling in high



Visitors leave after a storm swept through an open air music festival near Hasselt, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) east of Brussels, Belgium, Thursday, Aug. 18, 2011. The storm killed at least three people and injured over 70 others, an official said.

(AP Photo/ Ermino Armino)

winds as rain-soaked concertgoers at the music festival ran for cover. Trees and branches all around the area were downed, evidence of the sudden ferocity of the winds.

Ambulances ferried the seriously injured to nearby hospitals. Some of those lightly injured were being treated at a local sports complex. More than 20 ambulances were dispatched to the festival ground.

Images of the disaster showed fallen lighting scaffolds. Dutch NOS television reporter Rick Hoogkamp, who was attending the concert Thursday, said several tents collapsed. An AP reporter saw concession stands blown down and a large food tent spread

across the ground. One of those who watched a tent collapse was Laura Elegeert, 17, of Saint-Nicolas, Belgium.

"It was utter confusion, mass panic," Elegeert said. "People were trying to get out of this tent that collapsed by using their pocket knives and cutting holes in the fabric."

Two cranes were brought in to try to lift the large tent late Thursday, but the ground appeared too swamped for them to reach the area. Chokri Mahassine, the organizer of the festival, said, "We have for now put the festival on hold until we understand the situation completely."

The three-day festival's lineup features internationally

known acts, including Foo Fighters, Eminem and The Offspring.

This was the second deadly incident at an outdoor festival in a week. On Saturday, parts of a stage collapsed at the Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis, killing five people and injuring dozens when winds of up to 60 miles per hour (96 kilometers per hour) to 70 miles per hour (112 kilometers per hour) hit the site.

Last month, a German woman died in a 30-meter (100-foot) fall from a tower at the Roskilde music festival in Denmark, but police said she likely committed suicide.

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Musical titan John Williams honors his heroes

James C. Mckinley Jr
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LENOX, Mass. – It is not uncommon during the summers here to see John Williams, the celebrated film composer, wandering the verdant grounds of Tanglewood after a morning of writing at the piano. Sometimes he is working through a musical problem. Sometimes he is just communing with the old trees and the valley that cradles a lake and the sleeping mountains farther off, which have inspired artists for generations.

These days, however, he is also searching for something: the perfect spots to place sculptures of Leonard Bernstein and Serge Koussevitzky. Williams has commissioned those works, along with a bronze bust of Aaron Copland that was unveiled in late June. It now stands in a garden on the Tanglewood grounds where Copland's ashes were scattered.

"It amazed me that here on the campus there hadn't been any recognition or any reminder of these giants that are now

lost to us in time," Williams said. "I think it will serve for younger people to remember them, for younger people to reflect on the fact that this institution lives in the shadow of these great men."

Williams spoke about the sculptures as he took a break from composing

and preparing for his performance Saturday, when he will once again lead the Boston Pops through several of his compositions on "Film Night." This year the program features Williams' "Cowboys Overture," as well music he wrote for "The Reivers," "Schindler's List" and "Star Wars." Excerpts

Koussevitzky Music Shed, Williams, 79, talked about his long love affair with Tanglewood, the music school and summer home of the Boston Symphony. That affair began in 1980, when he took over as conductor of the Boston Pops.

He has returned every summer since then, taking ref-

became stronger. "I began to think that not only Copland should be represented, but Koussevitzky," he said. "And certainly Bernstein."

It was Koussevitzky, the longtime music director of the Boston Symphony, who founded the music festival in 1937, after the Tappan family donated its estate here to the orchestra, and then started the summer music academy three years later. He was also an early champion of the work of Copland, the American composer whom Koussevitzky befriended in Paris in 1924, and Copland agreed to teach composition at Tanglewood, a post he held for a quarter-century. Tanglewood started Bernstein's career as well. As a young conductor, Bernstein spent many summers studying at Tanglewood under Koussevitzky, who invited him to be an assistant conductor in 1942. (Throughout his career, Bernstein wore Koussevitzky's cufflinks for luck.) During a performance at Tanglewood, Bernstein caught the attention of Artur Rodzinski, who appointed him assistant conductor of the New York Philharmonic. Over the ensuing decades, as Bernstein's fame grew, he continued to conduct concerts with the student orchestra every summer. He gave the last concert of his career there in August 1990.

Does Williams think the spirits of Copland, Bernstein and Koussevitzky inhabit the grounds?

"Maybe," he said, his face brightening. "It may be true."

The place encourages one to believe in spirits, he added. He regards the statues he commissioned as "a salute to these giants, a sense of their presence being here for all time," he said, "which I believe that it is." Williams said he had trouble finding a sculptor for the project.

He wanted the works, which he is paying for but declines to say how much, to be representational and to capture the warmth of the three musicians. □



Lilli and Dr. Michael Nieland of Pittsburgh, view a bust of Aaron Copland at Tanglewood, in Lenox, Mass. The film composer John Williams has commissioned sculptures of Leonard Bernstein, Serge Koussevitzky and Aaron Copland for the grounds at Tanglewood.

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from "Fiddler on the Roof," which Williams adapted for the screen, will also be played, with the violinist Gil Shaham as soloist.

Mark Volpe, managing director of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, said Williams had become an extremely influential figure at Tanglewood in his own right, beloved by the musicians and the students he has worked with. His annual concert of film music regularly draws more than 10,000 people, on a par with James Taylor and Yo-Yo Ma.

"He's one of the iconic figures of Tanglewood, though he'd kill me for saying that," Volpe said. "When they write the history of music of this period, how can you not write about him, especially given the prevalence of film in our broad cultural world? He's the soundtrack for a good part of that."

On a recent rainy Sunday afternoon, as the sounds of Brahms' Second Symphony emanated from the hulking

uge from the traffic, the smog and the hurried pace of Hollywood. "It's a wonderful balancing element in my life," he said. "Though my part here is a very minor one, Tanglewood is a major piece of my spiritual life." Williams has composed dozens of works here, among them the scores for "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" and "Schindler's List." In the last two decades, he has also written more than a half-dozen concertos and symphonic works at Tanglewood, many of them for instrumentalists in the Boston Symphony. "It's been like writing for family members," he said.

The idea of placing a bust of Copland on the grounds was first proposed to Williams 20 years ago by an executive of the Boston Symphony.

Though the plan never came to fruition, Williams could not let the idea go, and each summer when he visited the campus, it

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Montana wins LLWS debut; Mexico, Japan cruise



Oranjestad, Aruba's Gillian Wernet, right, scores past the tag from Hamamatsu City, Japan catcher Taiga Iwamoto on a fielder's choice by Endry Brito during the fourth inning of a pool play baseball game at the Little League World Series, Thursday, Aug. 18, 2011, in South Williamsport, Pa. Japan won 12-1 in four innings.

Associated Press

By GENARO C. ARMAS

AP Sports Writer

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — The boys from Billings keep making Montana Little League history.

The first team from the state to advance to South Williamsport overcame a shaky start and three solo homers Thursday by the sluggers from Rapid City, S.D., to win its Little League World Series debut, 6-4. Connor Kieckbusch and his teammates were understandably a little anxious when they first trotted on to the manicured field at Lamade Stadium, with about 11,000 fans watching their every move.

Those nerves disappeared after a five-run fourth in-

ning highlighted by Kieckbusch's two-run single and Cole McKenzie's two-RBI double with two outs.

"I felt kind of nervous (initially) because we're in Williamsport and pretty much nationals, and I didn't know what to expect," said the red-freckled Kieckbusch, 12, as he flashed a slight grin. "As the game went on, I kind of relaxed."

Mexicali, Mexico, shut out Kaoshiung, Taiwan, 3-0 in the series' first game Thursday behind a two-hitter by flame-throwing righty Jorge Jacobo. He's just 12, too. Hamamatsu City, Japan, beat Oranjestad, Aruba, 12-1, but the game had added meaning for the Japan squad after a survivor

of this year's earthquake and tsunami threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

"I told the kids that they should appreciate that they are here to play a game," manager Akihiro Suzuki said through translator Kotaro Omori. "It should teach them to keep working hard and that it's only a sport." Lafayette, La., shut out Warner Robins, Ga., 2-0 in an entertaining nightcap featuring solid pitching and good fielding by each squad. Both towns have previously sent teams to South Williamsport.

In contrast, no one from Billings — let alone, Montana — had ever set foot on the picturesque Little League complex for a World Series

game until Thursday.

Montana trailed 2-0 after two innings before breaking through in the fourth against South Dakota starter Brett Beyer, working deep into counts to get runners on base.

Kieckbusch's high fly to shallow center fell just in between two fielders to score two runners with the bases loaded. The next hitter, McKenzie, lined an opposite-field double to the left-field wall to score two more runs for a 6-2 lead.

On the mound, McKenzie allowed six hits and four runs over five innings for the win. He allowed all three homers, including two by 5-foot-9 South Dakota slugger Erik Petry, 12. □

Westin offers host of dynamic venues for special events



PALM BEACH - The Westin Resort & Casino, Aruba is an island leader in special events, and is a top choice for destination weddings and group events, as well as many local functions. The Westin's heralded service and award-winning culinary team are at the heart and soul of this success, but perhaps the "x factor" lies within the diverse menu of event settings available to clients.

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Westin's newest venue, the Starwood Gallery, is a novel venue adorned with colorful local art.

It is quickly becoming a party trend, with many local cocktail parties being hosted there, as well as wedding dinner receptions for brides wanting a more intimate indoor venue for guest lists that are too small for a big ballroom.

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with so many venue possibilities, our clients really can choose a space that suits them and their event needs," says Catering Sales

Manager Inge van Roon. Pictured here are several of the Westin's unique event venues. □



Distinguished Visitors at Holiday Inn



ORANJESTAD - Recently ATA rep Darline S. de Cuba had the great pleasure in honoring many Loyal Aruba visitors with their Goodwill Ambassa-

dor Certificate. These Certificates are a way to say "Masha Danki" for continuously choosing Aruba as a favorite vacation destination.

Honorees: Corrado and Constance Quaranta from Connecticut as Distinguished Visitors. The recent honoring took place at Holiday Inn and was presented by Darline S. de Cuba, Aruba Tourism Authority Representative together with Brenda James and Mariana Leon. □



At an elegant beach bash

Ron Garafano celebrates his 16th birthday in Aruba



PALM BEACH – The Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa played host to Ron's 16th birthday bash, unfolding on the resort's famed beach with dinner to torchlight. The party given by proud parents, Ron & Jeanne Garafano from Rhode Island, was attended by more than twenty family members and a handful of family friends, most of them Radisson colleagues who during the past 16 years

also helped raise Ron into a friendly, accomplished and charismatic young man. The family has been coming to Aruba for many years and while Ron celebrated his sweet 16th birthday, it was his 19th visit to the island making him eligible for an Ambassador of Goodwill Certificate, on his next February 2012 trip! The lovely beach party featured a fajita buffet, burgers and salads, to the music



of DJ dad over free flowing cocktails! Pictured here Ron, family members and the Radisson colleagues, celebrating a happy occasion. □

Honoring at the Aruba Beach Club

ORANJESTAD - Recently ATA Darline S. de Cuba had the great pleasure in honoring loyal Aruba visitors with their Goodwill Ambassador and Distinguished Guests Certificates. These certificates are a way to say "Masha Danki" for continuously choosing Aruba as a favorite vacation destination. The titles are as following: 21 years "Goodwill Ambassador" Loyal N. Gould from Chicago, Illinois and 10 years "Distinguished Visitors" Arnold and Maureen Carey Falgiano from Beverly Hills, Florida. The recent honoring took place at Aruba Beach Club and was presented by Darline S. de Cuba, Aruba Tourism Authority Representative with Izaira Pirela from Aruba Beach Club. Visitors feel that they are home away from home, and people are very friendly in Aruba. □



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The New Climax, now at the Palm Beach Plaza Mall every Saturday



Palm Beach -- The central courtyard at the Palm Beach Plaza Mall comes alive with music every Saturday night from 7.00 pm to 11.00pm, when the New Climax band takes over the stage with lead singer Rey-

naldo 'Rusty' Sprott, vocalist Antoniela Ras, Conga player Hubert Ras, singer Andy Farro, drummer Julins Martinez, percussionist Peter Ras, and technician Francis Henriquez who helps put it all together.

While the New Climax Band is best known for its Carnival performances, it plays many other musical genres besides Soca & Calypso, delivering an excellent repertoire of Latin favorites in general, including a hot potpourri of Salsa and Meringue.

Rusty reports the band will be playing every Saturday night, for the next few months, which is well matched with Kalin's bar favorites, including his drunk chevice!

The Palm Beach Plaza Mall also offers Zumba Classes at starting Tuesday from 6.30



to 7.30 pm, and Thursday nights are dedicated to Salsa & Meringue, as well as workshop with Pachange, starting at 8.30pm.

Look forward to Sunday Night, as Family Night at the mall, Ladies Night on Wednesday, and other organized weekly events. □



Honoring at Divi Aruba Phoenix

DIVI -- Recently, ATA Darline S. De Cuba had the great pleasure in honoring a many loyal Aruba visitors with their Goodwill Ambassador and Distinguished Certificates.

These Certificates are a way to say "Masha Danki" for continuously choosing Aruba as a favorite vacation destination.

The titles are as following: 11 years "Distinguished Visitor" Victoria Fuchs from New York.

The recent honoring took place at Divi Aruba Phoenix and was presented by



Darline S. De Cuba, Aruba Tourism Authority representative.



The Distinguished Visitor feels relaxed and enjoys the friendly people. □

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Aruba TODAY

Quinney, Gainey share 1st-round lead at Wyndham



Jeff Quinney lines up a putt on the ninth hole during the first round of the Wyndham Championship golf tournament in Greensboro, N.C., Thursday, Aug. 18, 2011.
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JOEDY McCREARY
AP Sports Writer
GREENSBORO, North Carolina (AP) — Jeff Quinney and Tommy Gainey shot rounds of 7-under par 63 on Thursday to share the lead after the first day of the Wyndham Championship.

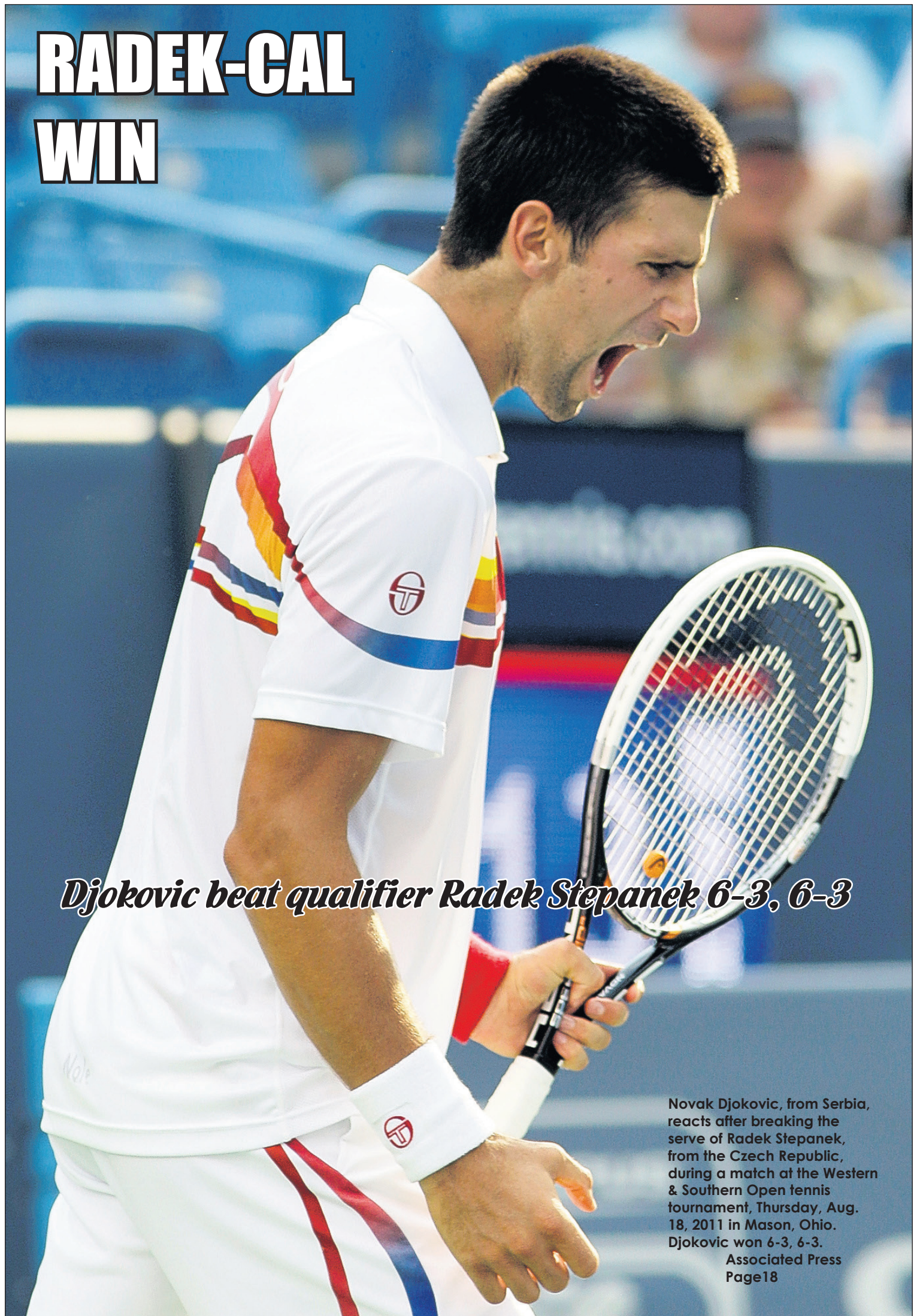
Quinney had eight birdies, including five in a row early in his round, to start strong in his last chance to qualify for golf's postseason.

Gainey had five birdies and an eagle in matching his career-best round. Both players are chasing their first PGA Tour victory.

Stuart Appleby had a 64. Ten players — Paul Casey, Carl Pettersson, Ernie Els, Jason Bohn, Jimmy Walker, Tim Herron, Lee Janzen, Jim Furyk, Vijay Singh and George McNeill — shot 65s during another low-scoring day at Sedgefield Country Club.

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RADEK-CAL WIN



Djokovic beat qualifier Radek Stepanek 6-3, 6-3

Novak Djokovic, from Serbia, reacts after breaking the serve of Radek Stepanek, from the Czech Republic, during a match at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, Thursday, Aug. 18, 2011 in Mason, Ohio. Djokovic won 6-3, 6-3.

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MLS Roundup



Sporting Kansas City goalie Jimmy Nielsen tips his water bottle to the fans who are cheered for him during the second half of an MLS soccer match against the Portland Timbers at Livestrong Stadium, Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2011, in Kansas City, Kan. Nielsen was hit in the face during the first half by a thrown piece of a bobblehead doll that as given away during the game.

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Goalie hit by object as Sporting KC wins

KANSAS CITY, Kansas (AP)

— Goalkeeper Jimmy Nielsen was hit in the head by part of a doll thrown from the stands as Sporting Kansas City beat the Portland Timbers 3-1 in Major League Soccer on Wednesday.

Graham Zusi scored twice and Soony Saad marked his 19th birthday and his MLS debut with another goal for Sporting, which moved within four points of Eastern Conference leader Columbus.

Nielsen was struck by a piece from an Omar Bravo bobblehead doll; one of thousands given away to fans in attendance. The Danish keeper lay on the field for 4 minutes but was able to continue after being checked out by medical personnel.

Two people were arrested over the incident. Bright Dike scored for Portland in the 81st.

New England Revolution 1, Houston Dynamo 1

In Foxborough, Massachusetts, Bobby Boswell scored out of a goalmouth scramble in the 90th minute to give Houston a draw at New England. □

Nadal edges Verdasco in 3-tiebreaker match

JOE KAY

AP Sports Writer

MASON, Ohio (AP) — Rafael Nadal held off fellow Spaniard Fernando Verdasco 7-6 (5), 6-7 (4), 7-6 (9) after 3 hours, 38 minutes to reach the Western & Southern Open quarterfinals on Thursday.

"The truth is that I am very happy. Very content with the victory. It was a tough match for both of us," he said, before heading off for doubles match that went an hour and 10 minutes.

Nadal arrived hoping to get a lot of on-court time this week. He missed nearly a month after hurting his left foot at Wimbledon, where he reached the final and lost to Novak Djokovic. He had a setback before his first match in Cincinnati. Nadal burned the tips of his index and middle fingers on his right hand when he touched a hot plate at a local restaurant. The left-handed Nadal had the fingers bandaged again on Thursday for protection.

Playing on a sunny, mid-80s F (30-degree C) afternoon, the second-ranked Nadal finished it by converting his fifth match point. It was only the second best-of-three matches in Nadal's career that featured three tiebreakers.

He improved to 12-0 in his career against the unseeded Verdasco.

"You enjoy always a good match," Verdasco said. "But when you lose in this way, of course it's not easy to lose. You have it so close. Tennis is like that."

In the quarterfinals, Nadal will play seventh-seeded Mardy Fish, who beat Richard Gasquet 7-5, 7-5.

"If you want to play someone like Rafa, you hope that he plays a match that's four hours long before you play him," Fish said. "I mean, that's as physical as it gets. It's hot out there, so I'm sure he'll be pretty tired."

Djokovic also moved into the quarterfinals, along with Roger Federer.

Djokovic beat Czech



Rafael Nadal, from Spain, blows a kiss to the crowd after defeating Fernando Verdasco, from Spain, 7-6 (5), 6-7 (4), 7-6 (9) at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, Thursday, Aug. 18, 2011 in Mason, Ohio.

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qualifier Radek Stepanek 6-3, 6-3, improving to 31-0 on hard courts this year and 55-1 overall. Djokovic pumped his fist to get the crowd involved near the end.

"It's been very slow, kind of an ugly match to play and watch, so I think we really needed to engage the crowd at the end," Djokovic said. "I've played so many matches, and they've caught up to me. It's OK. "There are days like this when you don't feel like playing, but I hate losing. That's what makes me motivated on the court."

Federer needed only 54 minutes to beat James Blake 6-4, 6-1, breaking his serve four times in the second set. Federer improved to 10-1 against the American.

"We were speeding out there today," Federer said. "Against James, it's always a fast-paced match from start to finish. You hope you get on a roll, and he doesn't. In the second set, he didn't play so well."

No. 4 Andy Murray advanced with a 6-2, 7-5 win over American qualifier Alex Bogomolov Jr.

The women's bracket is wide open because of injuries and upsets. Defending champion Kim Clijsters (inju-

ries) and Venus Williams (virus) had to skip the tournament, and Serena Williams dropped out on Wednesday because of a sore big toe after playing her seventh match in eight days. Top-ranked Caroline Wozniacki was upset in her first match of the tournament, and third-seeded Victoria Azarenka withdrew because of an injured hand. Serena Williams' premature departure cleared the way for Samantha Stosur, who got an extra day of rest and looked refreshed on Thursday, beating fifth-seeded Li Na of China 6-4, 3-6, 6-4. The 10th-seeded Australian was scheduled to face Williams on Wednesday.

"I wasn't complaining that she pulled out," said Stosur, who lost to Williams in the final at Toronto last week. "I had a pretty easy day, which was nice, considering the week I had before. So I guess that was good for today's match, and hopefully will be good for tomorrow." Stosur has beaten Li — the French Open champion — three times this season, including in the same round last week at Toronto. Second-seeded Vera Zvonareva of Russia advanced to the quarterfinals with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Petra Martic. □

U.S., Chinese basketballers brawl during Biden visit

GILLIAN WONG

Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — A bench-clearing brawl at an exhibition game between American and Chinese basketball teams Thursday marred the orchestrated harmony of U.S. Vice President Joe Biden's visit to China.

The fight between the Georgetown University men's basketball team and the Bayi Rockets on Thursday night in Beijing forced the game to end early. Biden did not attend the game. However, on Wednesday he watched the Georgetown team beat the Shanxi Zhongyu Brave Dragons 98-81.

Georgetown Hoyas head coach John Thompson III said in an emailed statement that the team regretted the incident.

"Tonight, two great teams played a very competitive game that unfortunately ended after heated exchanges with both teams," he said. "We sincerely regret that this situation occurred." The brawl Thursday was the latest instance of on-court fighting by China, whose players have been fined tens of thousands of dollars by the world and Asian federations for scrapping with opponents.

Photos from the game circulating on China's popular microblog Sina Weibo show players from both teams pushing one another.

The Washington Post said the melee broke out in the fourth quarter as members of both teams tackled and threw punches at one another. Chairs and water bottles were also thrown as the Georgetown players left the court with about nine-and-a-half minutes remaining. The Georgetown Hoyas are in China on a 10-day goodwill trip which has been cited by the U.S. State Department as an example of sports diplomacy that strengthens ties between the two countries' peoples. □

Guerrero bows out of Maidana fight with injury

JOSH DUBOW

AP Sports Writer

SAN JOSE, California (AP)

— Robert Guerrero pulled out of his upcoming WBA super lightweight title fight against Marcos Maidana on Thursday after injuring his left shoulder during training. Guerrero hurt the shoulder while sparring at his training site in Big Bear on Wednesday but initially hoped he'd be able to recover in time for the Aug. 27 fight in San Jose, near where he was born in Gilroy. But the injury was worse on Thursday morning and he had to pull out of the fight. "It was numb and he couldn't move it at all. They iced it. They were hoping it was going to get better overnight. It did not. It got worse," Golden Boy Promotions CEO Richard Schaefer said. "He can't even put a jacket on or a shirt and move the arm at all. They are afraid it could be a torn rotator cuff. We

don't know." Guerrero was flying back to the Bay Area on Thursday to undergo an MRI on the shoulder. Schaefer said Guerrero's manager, Bob Santos, sounded extremely concerned about the injury when he notified Golden Boy on Thursday about the cancellation. "Our thoughts are with Robert," Schaefer said. "This is a big setback for him. I talked to him yesterday morning. They were feeling great. He had a fantastic training camp. I heard Robert was in the best shape of his life. It's really too bad this fight will not happen." Guerrero, the WBA and WBO interim lightweight champion, was moving up in weight to fight for Maidana's WBA super lightweight title. The fight was set to be nationally televised on HBO and was being held in Guerrero's native Bay Area. Schaefer said he hopes that if the injury is not as serious as initially feared that the fight

can be rescheduled for later this year. If that's the case, Golden Boy would look to keep it in San Jose. "That's a fight which belongs there," Schaefer said. "We were right when we put it there. I looked at the ticket reports yesterday and they were extremely strong. I had no doubts we would have had a sold-out venue there on fight night. I hope it will be rescheduled because it clearly was one of those fights everyone was looking forward to." Schaefer said he does not know yet what will be next for Maidana. The injury happened too late to find a replacement for the Aug. 27 card so now Maidana will wait and see how serious Guerrero's injury is before deciding whether to find another opponent. The heavyweight fight between Seth Mitchell and Mike Mollo that was on the undercard has also been canceled. □



Robert Guerrero



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NL Roundup

Lee steers Phillies past Diamondbacks



Philadelphia Phillies starting pitcher Cliff Lee unleashes a pitch during the first inning of a baseball game against the Arizona Diamondbacks, Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2011, in Philadelphia.

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia's Cliff Lee threw seven impressive innings to guide the Phillies to a 9-2 win over Arizona in Wednesday's clash of National League divisional leaders, ending the Diamondbacks winning streak at seven games.

Lee (13-7) allowed three hits, striking out seven.

Jimmy Rollins hit a leadoff homer and Wilson Valdez hit a tiebreaking two-run double in the seventh for the Phillies.

Diamondbacks starter Joe Saunders (8-10) pitched well before unraveling in the seventh.

He gave up five runs in six-plus innings as Arizona saw its NL West lead sliced to 2-1/2 games.

Giants 7, Braves 5

In Atlanta, San Francisco barely avoided another loss to Atlanta, getting the victory on the Braves' final at-bat.

The Giants broke it open with four runs in the fourth, one of them driven in by pitcher Matt Cain (10-9) on a sacrifice fly. But Cain did his best work on the mound, striking out nine and giving up only one unearned run in the first.

After Cain left, the Braves scored four runs in the ninth and had the tying run at the plate.

But Brian McCann struck out swinging against Jeremy Affeldt.

San Francisco pounded Jair Jurrjens (12-5), taking advantage of a pitcher who wasn't sharp in his first start coming off the disabled list. He surrendered five runs in six innings.

Brewers 3, Dodgers 1

In Milwaukee, Zack Greinke won his fifth straight start, helping Milwaukee beat Los Angeles and notch its 19th victory in 21 games.

The NL Central-leading Brewers remained seven games ahead of St. Louis in the NL Central.

Jerry Hairston's two-out single in the sixth helped Greinke (12-4) become the first Brewers pitcher in franchise history to win his first nine home decisions with the club.

Dodgers rookie Nathan Eovaldi (1-1) was the loser.

Cardinals 7, Pirates 2

In Pittsburgh, Allen Craig homered twice to break out of a slump and lead St. Louis over Pittsburgh.

Craig went 4 for 5 with three RBIs and Yadier Molina added three hits for the Cardinals.

Craig was hitless in his last 11 at-bats before he connected for a two-run homer against Paul Maholm (6-14) in the first. He added a solo shot in the seventh.

St. Louis starter Kyle Lohse (11-7) picked up his 99th career victory by pitching seven solid innings, allowing two runs, striking out seven and walking one.

Reds 2, Nationals 1

In Washington, Johnny Cueto pitched into the ninth inning to guide Cincinnati to a narrow win over Washington.

Cueto (9-5) held the Nationals scoreless until the ninth. He struck out five and did not walk a batter.

Joey Votto homered and Ramon Hernandez drove in a run for the Reds on a groundout. □

AL Roundup

Rays keep Red Sox in check again

BOSTON (AP) — David Price pitched eight scoreless innings to guide Tampa Bay to a 4-0 win over the Boston Red Sox in the American League on Wednesday, keeping a pulse in the Rays' faint playoff hopes.

Price (11-10) struck out six as the Rays held Boston to three hits for the third straight game.

B.J. Upton hit a leadoff homer in the fourth inning and Evan Longoria added a two-out solo homer in the fifth.

Boston starter John Lackey (11-9) allowed four runs in 6 2-3 innings to take the loss as the Red Sox missed a chance to move back ahead of New York in the AL East race.

Rangers 4, Angels 3

In Anaheim, Texas opened

a commanding seven-game lead over Los Angeles atop the AL West standings by beating the Rangers for the third straight game.

Ian Kinsler hit a tiebreaking two-run single with two outs in the eighth inning, after Mitch Moreland had homered and Josh Hamilton hit a run-scoring single for the Rangers, who have six consecutive wins to open a 10-game road trip.

C.J. Wilson (12-5) yielded five hits over seven innings for the Rangers, who moved a season-best 20 games over .500 for the first time since 1999 by seizing control of this key four-game series.

The Angels have lost five straight.

Royals 5, Yankees 4

In Kansas City, the hosts survived a nerve-racking ninth inning to hang on and beat New York.

The Yankees loaded the bases with one out in the ninth and made it 5-4 on Robinson Cano's sacrifice fly. After a passed ball, Joakim Soria reloaded the bases with another walk. Then Jorge Posada, on his 40th birthday, took a called third strike to end it. The wobbly Soria got his 22nd save in 29 opportunities.

Earlier, Alex Gordon hit a three-run home run, Billy Butler added a contested solo shot to give the Royals an early lead.

Kansas City starter Bruce Chen (8-5) went six innings. His three wins have been the Royals only victories



Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher David Price tosses to first base on a ground out by Boston Red Sox's Adrian Gonzalez in the fourth inning of a baseball game in Boston, Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2011. The Rays won 4-0.

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over the past 13 games.

Indians 4, White Sox 1

In Chicago, Cleveland beat Chicago to stay in second place in the AL Central.

Fausto Carmona pitched 8 1-3 impressive innings, while Shin-soo Choo had three hits and an RBI while Carlos Santana singled, doubled

and scored a run.

White Sox starter Mark Buehrle (10-6) allowed a season-worst 12 hits over 7 1-3 innings.

Twins 6, Tigers 5

In Detroit, Justin Morneau's bases-loaded single in the ninth inning lifted Minnesota over first-placed Detroit. □

Wyndham

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Quinney arrived in 215th place in the FedEx Cup standings. A win — and the 500 points that accompany it — would put him in The Barclays.

"The only chance I get in the playoffs is probably winning this week, and coming with the attitude of 'all-in,'" Quinney said. "Basically, just push all your chips in, and this is what I got."

A year ago, a close-but-not-enough finish on this course left Quinney outside the playoff field. He wound up in 126th place, falling short of the postseason by three points.

He spent most of the first day of his return to the par-70 Sedgefield layout near the top of the leaderboard after his early flurry of birdies.

Starting on the back nine, Quinney birdied Nos. 12-16 to move to 5 under. After a bogey on No. 18, he added three more birdies on his final nine holes and closed by sticking his 140-yard approach shot within 3 feet

and sinking that putt for his eighth birdie.

"It's my last chance, and don't hold back, try to get out of my own way," Quinney said.

Quinney, who has conditional status on the tour, is playing just his 11th tournament of the year.

"Once you do get in, you put a little pressure on yourself," Quinney said. "It's been frustrating. This is my first year I've been non-exempt for five years, and so I think you just expect it to be somewhere else, and it's a struggle mentally to fight that. I still got the game. I just need the opportunities and not to get in your own way and try to force things."

Gainey caught him during the afternoon, with four birdies and the eagle coming during the South Carolina native's front nine. He moved to 7 under with a birdie on the par-4 13th, but ran into trouble on No. 15 when he sent his tee shot into a creek and closed his round with five pars.

"I hit it terrible off the tee, hit my irons really good, made a lot of putts, but I left quite a few shots out

there, so I've got to definitely work on the tee ball here, because it's starting to really frustrate me," Gainey said. "Any time you play and shoot 63 ... when you have no blemishes on a golf course like this — or any golf course, for that matter — it's a good day." Gainey — who's at No. 40 on the points list — is safely in the playoff field.

Some others here this week aren't quite that secure.

Once again, the prevailing storyline was the list of players who came in search of a push into the playoffs. The Wyndham annually marks the final chance to crack the top 125 on the points list and qualify for the postseason, which starts next week in New Jersey.

Els, who arrived at No. 126, was part of a morning threesome of bubble players that also included No. 124 Cameron Beckman and No. 125 Camilo Villegas.

"I said to the guys, 'My playoffs started this week. If I don't play well this week, I'm not advancing,'" Els said. "Most of the other guys have four playoff events. I have five."

Pettersen looking forward to Solheim Cup

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AP Sports Writer

NORTH PLAINS, Oregon (AP)

— Following the Women's British Open, Suzann Pettersen returned to Norway to join in the healing process after the horrific attacks on July 22 left 77 dead and shook her homeland.

Pettersen has been humbled in the face of the tragedy. "The incredible thing is just how everyone's kind of worked around this together. Everyone's just been supporting each other," she said. "I mean, you heard stories of people who survived. It's just dreadful, to be honest, to hear the stories. You get goose bumps." Pettersen was playing in the Evian Masters in France when the attacks occurred. Anders Behring Breivik has admitted detonating a bomb that killed eight people in central Oslo and fatally shooting 69 others at an island youth camp. After a trip home in the af-

termath of the attacks, she played in the British Open the final weekend in July before returning to Norway again. "It's just I never expected to get those messages that stuff like that had happened at home. I think that was the most shocking one. For that many young people to lose their lives is dreadful," she said.

At the last minute, Pettersen decided to take part in last weekend's Irish Ladies Open on the Ladies European Tour, and came away with a win. The No. 3-ranked golfer in the world finished the event at 18 under, six strokes in front of Azahara Munoz Guiarro of Spain.

The victory at Killeen Castle sealed Pettersen's spot on the European Solheim Cup team that will compete against the United States from Sept. 23-25 — at Killeen Castle.

Pettersen will get a good look at some of her Solheim

competition this weekend at the LPGA Safeway Classic. The final spot on the U.S. team will be determined following the event at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club just west of Portland.

Ai Miyazato of Japan won last year's Safeway Classic, besting Kerr and Na Yeon Choi by two shots on the Ghost Creek course at Pumpkin Ridge. The win was Miyazato's fifth of the 2010 season.

Miyazato is again in the 150-player field this year for the tournament's 40th anniversary in the Portland area. So is world No. 1 Yani Tseng, who won this year's British Open for her fifth career major.

Cristie Kerr, second-ranked in the world, is also playing in the 54-hole event which starts on Friday. She won the Safeway Classic in 2008 when it was still at Columbia Edgewater Country Club, then finished in a tie for second last year. □



Tommy Gainey watches his shot from a sand trap on the 15th hole during the first round of the Wyndham Championship golf tournament in Greensboro, N.C., Thursday, Aug. 18, 2011.

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FDA approves gene-targeting skin cancer drug

MATTHEW PERRONE
AP Health Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration has approved a first-of-a-kind drug to treat the deadliest form of skin cancer by targeting a particular genetic mutation found in about half of patients.

The pill called Zelboraf, made by Roche, is the first treatment for melanoma that targets a specific gene found in skin-cancer tumors. The FDA said Wednesday it also approved a test to screen patients for the mutation.

Melanoma is the fastest-growing form of cancer in terms of new diagnoses. Researchers attribute the acceleration to longer life expectancies among the elderly and increased indoor tanning by the young. About 68,000 people in the United States were diagnosed last year and 8,700 died, according to the American Cancer Society. Melanoma long has been considered one of the toughest cancers to treat, with few drug options. In March the FDA approved a Bristol-Myers Squibb drug that was the first drug shown to prolong survival in patients with advanced skin cancer.

Zelboraf will provide a second option for melanoma patients with a mutated form of a protein called BRAF that helps with cell growth when working normally.

Zelboraf works by blocking the mutated form of the protein, slowing tumor growth. □

Study: Only 1 in 5 medical malpractice cases pay

By **MIKE STOBBE**

AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Only 1 in 5 malpractice claims against doctors leads to a settlement or other payout, according to the most comprehensive study of these claims in two decades.

But while doctors and their

insurers may be winning most of these challenges, that's still a lot of fighting. Each year about 1 in 14 doctors is the target of a claim, and most physicians and virtually every surgeon will face at least one in their careers, the study found.

Malpractice cases carry a

significant emotional cost for doctors, said study co-author Amitabh Chandra, an economist and professor of public policy at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

"They hate having their name dragged through the local newspaper and hav-

ing to go to court," he said. The study might seem to support a common opinion among doctors that most malpractice lawsuits are baseless, but the authors said the truth is more complicated than that.

They noted influential earlier research in New York state concluding that just a tiny fraction of the patients harmed by medical mistakes actually file claims.

Trial lawyers say cost is a barrier to bringing a claim to court. There are very high up-front costs for hiring expert witnesses and preparing a case.

Doctors, hospitals and their insurers often have significant money and legal firepower. Some states also have caps on malpractice awards. So, usually, only very strong cases with high expected payouts are pursued. Given the expense and other difficulties involved in winning, it's doubtful most claims are filed on a greedy whim, the researchers said.

"A lawyer would have to be an idiot to take a frivolous case to court," Chandra said.

The study was published online Wednesday by the New England Journal of Medicine.

The research team turned to one of the nation's largest national malpractice insurers, analyzing data for about 41,000 physicians who bought coverage from 1991-2005. The researchers could only get the data by signing an agreement not to identify the insurer, so they wouldn't disclose the name of the company. □

U.S. says Legionnaire's disease cases have tripled over decade

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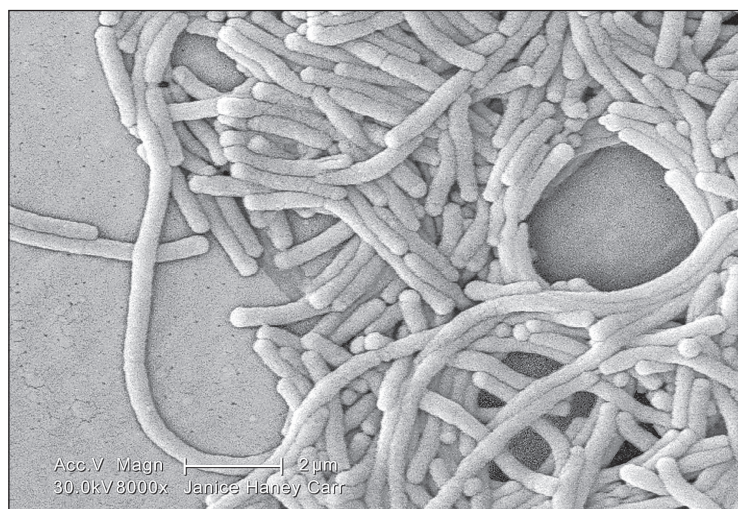
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Cases of Legionnaire's disease have tripled in the last decade, U.S. health officials said Thursday, but the risk of dying from it is lower because of more effective treatment.

Legionnaire's most often strikes the elderly and can cause deadly pneumonia. The germ spreads through mist or vapor from contaminated water or air conditioning systems.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports 3,522 cases in 2009, the most since Legionnaire's was first identified in 1976. There were only 1,110 cases in 2000. CDC officials think the increase may be partly because there are more old people.

To be sure, Legionnaire's remains uncommon. Just 8 percent of its victims died in the last decade, compared with 20 percent in the 1980s and 1990s. But it still kills hundreds of Americans each year. Despite the low case count, experts believe the disease sickens and even hospitalizes thou-



This 2009 colorized 8000X electron micrograph image provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows a large grouping of Gram-negative Legionella pneumophila bacteria.

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sands every year whose cases aren't reported.

The increase in cases is worrisome, said study co-author Dr. Lee Hampton, a CDC epidemiologist. "We need to minimize the risk of people dying from this," he said.

The disease got its name from an outbreak at a Philadelphia convention of the American Legion in 1976 when more than 200 people were sickened and 34 died. The outbreak drew intense media coverage, and months later health in-

vestigators fingered the bacterial cause. The germ apparently had spread through the convention hotel's air-conditioning system.

Early signs of the disease can include high fever, chills and a cough. Fortunately, some of the drugs most commonly used against pneumonia are first-line treatments against Legionnaire's.

Cases of the disease held relatively steady in the 1980s-90s, but rose since 2000. □

HP to end mobile products, may sell PC division

JORDAN ROBERTSON

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

In a dramatic reshuffling, Hewlett-Packard Co. said Thursday that it will discontinue its tablet computer and smartphone products and may sell or spin off its PC division, bowing out of the consumer businesses.

It's one of the most extreme makeovers in the company's 72-year history and signals new CEO Leo Apotheker's most transparent move to date to make HP look more like longtime rival IBM Corp., which now makes most of its money from software and services. The most apparent result for consumers will be the end of HP's TouchPad tablet, a sales dud, and HP-branded smartphones, also-rans in a booming market crowded with the iPhone and devices based on Google's Android system. By the end of next year, HP computers could be sold under another company's name.

HP will continue to sell servers and other equipment to business customers, just as

IBM now does.

It was not immediately known whether any jobs will be cut. HP employs more than 300,000 worldwide.

A decade ago, HP emerged from a bitter fight to spend more than \$24 billion on Compaq Computer, setting the stage for HP to become the world's No. 1 maker of personal computers. Now, three CEOs later, HP is changing course — hard. The PC division is HP's biggest revenue generator but least profitable division. The move has long been rumored, but just six months ago HP dismissed reports of the possibility as "irresponsible reporting" and that PCs are "core to HP's strategy for the connected world."

The PC industry is under pressure from hot-selling smartphones and tablet computers, which have contributed to already weak consumer demand for PCs in the U.S. and Europe.

More striking is that HP plans to shutter its fledgling smartphone and tablet business just two years

after spending \$1.8 billion on smartphone maker Palm, which gave HP the webOS software that has been praised by critics but largely been ignored by the marketplace. It is here that HP was the victim of the Apple and Google juggernauts, as iPads and iPhones and smartphones running Google's Android software have been hot sellers, while HP devices have languished.

HP also announced that it is in talks to buy Autonomy Corp., a business software maker. Earlier, The Wall Street Journal and Bloomberg News had reported that HP planned to buy Autonomy for \$10 billion, which would rank the deal among HP's biggest.

The decision to buy Autonomy also marks a change of course for HP, one that makes HP's trajectory look remarkably similar to rival IBM's nearly a decade ago. IBM, a key player in building the PC market in the 1980s, sold its PC business in 2004 to focus on software and services, which aren't as labor- or component-intensive as building computer hardware.

HP, which is based in Palo Alto, California, also announced its latest quarterly



In this Feb. 2, 2010 file photo, the Palm Pre Plus, left, and the Palm Pixi Plus are shown in San Francisco.

Associated Press

results an hour earlier than planned.

HP's net income increased in the fiscal third quarter, which ended July 31, but its lower-than-expected outlook for the current period weighed on the stock.

The company earned 93 cents per share in the latest quarter. That's up from 75 cents per share a year earlier. Its adjusted earnings were \$1.10 per share, a penny above analyst expectations.

Revenue climbed less than 2 percent to \$31.2 billion, matching analysts' average expectations, according to FactSet.

For the current quarter, HP forecast adjusted earnings

of \$1.12 to \$1.16 per share, below analysts' expectation of \$1.32 per share. Revenue should be \$32.1 billion to \$32.5 billion, short of analysts' estimate of \$34 billion. HP also lowered its full-year revenue outlook. It now expects revenue of \$127.2 billion to \$127.6 billion, down from its previous estimate of \$129 billion to \$130 billion. Analysts were predicting \$129.1 billion in revenue.

HP's stock fell \$1.88, or 6 percent, to close Thursday at \$29.51. The stock fell further in extended trading to \$28.79, a drop of 72 cents, or 2.4 percent. The announcement came about an hour before the close of market. □

Zynga sued over patent infringement

NEW YORK (AP) — Zynga Inc., the maker of popular online games such as "FarmVille" and "CityVille," is being sued for patent infringement by a Texas gaming startup.

Agincourt claims Zynga is violating two of its patents related to systems for redeeming prizes in games. The patents were awarded in 2001 and 2004.

Zynga's "remarkable growth has not been driven by its own ingenuity or innovations," Agincourt said. "Rather, it has been widely reported that Zynga's business model is to copy creative ideas and game designs ... and use its market power to bulldoze the games' originators."

Zynga has plans to offer an initial public offering of stock. About 230 million people every month play addictive Zynga games such as "Farmville," "CityVille" and "Texas HoldEm Poker," much of the time through apps on Facebook. The games are free to play, but Zynga charges small amounts of money to buy virtual items that can help players advance in its games more quickly.

Little is known about Agincourt. The company, based in Plano, Texas, describes itself as a "start-up aggregator and renovator of underappreciated games." Its website links to an online game called Pantheon.

Agincourt filed the lawsuit Wednesday in the U.S. District Court in Wilmington, Del. Agincourt seeks unspecified damages, attorneys' fees and a declaration that Zynga infringes its patents.

Zynga declined to comment. □

Russia loses newly launched telecom satellite

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia lost contact with a communications satellite shortly after its launch Thursday, the government space agency said, the latest in a series of failures that has dogged the nation's space program.

The Express-AM4 satellite, described by officials as Russia's most powerful telecommunications satellite, was launched atop a Proton-M booster rocket from the Russia-leased Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

The Federal Space Agency said in a statement the booster itself worked fine, but a subsequent failure of the additional upper stage, the Briz-M, resulted in the loss of communications with the satellite. It said efforts were being made to re-establish contact with

the 5.8-ton (6.38-ton) craft. The satellite has been insured for 7.5 billion rubles (about \$260 million or €180 million) with Russian Ingosstrakh insurance company. The satellite was to be put into a geostationary orbit to provide digital TV broadcasting for Russia's far eastern regions. Broadcasters said that the failure would likely delay the planned transfer to digital TV.

The Briz-M upper stage has experienced several failures, most recently in February when its malfunction led to the loss of a Russian military satellite.

In December 2010, another technical glitch led to the loss of three GLONASS-M navigation satellites, which were to be part of Russia's satellite navigation system competing with the U.S. Global Positioning System,



In this image provided by Space Center Yuzhny on Thursday, Aug. 18, 2011, the Proton-M booster rocket with Express-AM4 satellite stands at a launch pad at the Russia-leased Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan Monday, Aug. 15, 2011.

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or GPS. That mishap eventually cost then-space chief Anatoly Perminov his job. □

Economists see growing risk of global recession

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Discouraging economic data from around the globe have heightened fears that another recession is on the way.

Fresh evidence emerged Thursday that U.S. home sales and manufacturing are weakening. Signs also surfaced that European banks are increasingly burdened by the region's debt crisis and sputtering economy.

The rising anxiety ignited a huge sell-off in stocks that led many investors to seek the safety of U.S. Treasuries. Economists say the economic weakness and the stock markets' wild swings have begun to feed on themselves. Persistent drops in stock prices erode consumer and business confidence. Individuals and companies typically then spend and invest less. And when they do, stock prices tend to fall further.

"A negative feedback loop ... now appears to be in the making" in both the United States and Europe, Joachim Fels and Manoj

Pradhan, economists at Morgan Stanley, said in a report Thursday. Both economies are "dangerously close to a recession. ... It won't take much in the form of additional shocks to tip the balance."

The risk of a recession is now about one in three, according to Morgan Stanley and Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

Among the worrisome economic signs:

— A survey by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia shows that manufacturing in the mid-Atlantic region contracted in August by the most in more than two years. The steep drop, on top of a smaller decline in a New York Fed survey this week, means U.S. manufacturing probably contracted in August, economists said. It would be the first decline since July 2009 — a worrisome sign because manufacturing has been a key source of U.S. growth in the two years since economists say the Great Recession ended.

— U.S. home sales fell in July for the third time in four months, the National Association of Realtors said.

Sales dropped 3.5 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.67 million homes. That's far below the 6 million homes that economists say must be sold to sustain a healthy housing market.

Sales are lagging behind last year's pace — the weakest since 1997. "There seems to be a correlation between the stock market and home prices," said Andrew Davidson, a New York-based mortgage industry consultant.

— In Asia, Japan's exports fell for a fifth straight month. The world's No. 3 economy has fallen into a recession since its earthquake and tsunami in March. Its weakness is contributing to the global slowdown.

— Consumer prices rose 0.5 percent in July, mostly due to more expensive gas and food. The "core" price index, which excludes volatile food and energy prices, rose 0.2 percent. The higher prices add to the burdens for Americans already squeezed by stagnant pay, though economists don't expect prices to rise much further. And gasoline has fallen this month.



A man walks past the Bank Of England, in the City of London, Thursday, Aug., 18, 2011. European and US markets have seen more large falls, as uncertainty that has caused recent turmoil returns. London's FTSE 100 index ended the day down 4.5%, while Germany's Dax lost 5.8% of their value. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones fell 3.7% in morning trading.

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Investors are also growing more anxious about Europe's sputtering economy and its leaders' ability to resolve the debt crisis. European bank stocks accelerated their fall Thursday. European banks are being forced to pay more for the short-term loans they need

to finance day-to-day operations. Some with heavy exposure to the debts of Greece and other weak countries are relying on loans from the European Central Bank because other private banks are reluctant to do business with them. □

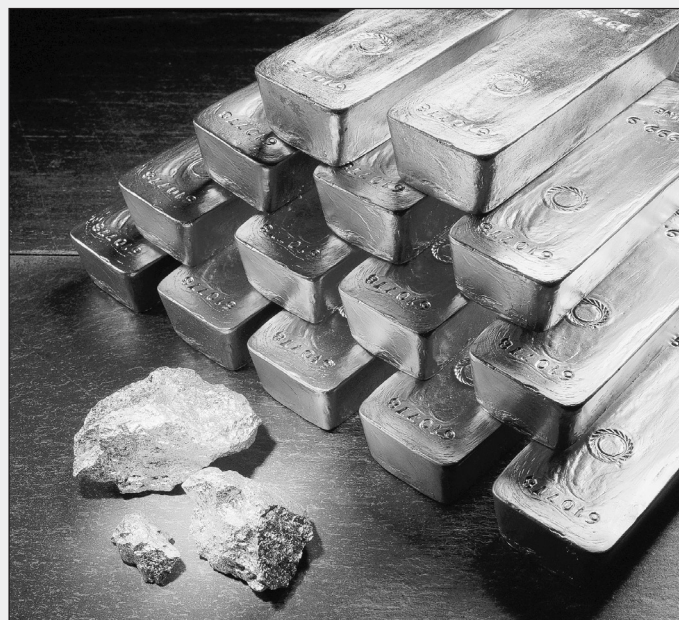
U.S. Energy Dept says copper thefts on rise

**MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — With copper prices at a near record, thieves across the United States have been stealing copper wiring from power lines, construction sites and warehouses. Federal officials say thieves are targeting power substations and even a locked recycling yard at a nuclear laboratory. The Energy Department's inspector general reports a "troubling increase" in copper thefts from federal sites, including national research labs, generating stations and a plant where nuclear weapons are dismantled and stored. An estimated \$500,000 to \$750,000 worth of copper has been stolen from department sites in the past three years, In-

spector General Gregory Friedman said. Thefts have ranged from small amounts to about 30,000 pounds (13,605 kilograms) of copper stolen from the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. In Texas, hundreds of pounds of copper was stolen from the Pantex plant near Amarillo, where nuclear weapons are stored and dismantled. Friedman said DOE officials need to improve security, especially at recycling facilities and remote substations. In many instances, stolen copper "had not been secured in any way," Friedman wrote in a three-page letter Thursday. Some DOE sites had only minimal access controls to areas where copper is stored, Friedman said. In the Los Alamos case, about 30,000

pounds (13,605 kilograms) of copper, worth an estimated \$120,000, was stolen from a fenced facility that is locked after hours. Four contractor employees were convicted in the case. In Texas, an electrician apprentice was convicted of stealing more than 100 pounds (45 kilograms) of copper from a recycling bin at the Pantex plant. A former supervisor also was convicted in the case. Bryan Jacobs, executive director of the Coalition Against Copper Theft, called the crimes a national security issue. The coalition, which includes power companies, electric contractors and railroads, wants Congress to set minimal requirements for scrap yards that deal in copper and other metals. □



In this undated handout file photo from Newmont Mining Corporation, gold nuggets and bars are shown. In December 2007, gold for about \$840 an ounce. A little over a year later, it rose above \$1,000 for the first time. It climbed gradually for the next two years. Then in March 2011, it began rocketing up. Gold hit a new record near \$1,830 an ounce.

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Here we go again: Another big down day for Dow

STAN CHOE

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Just when Wall Street seemed to have settled down, a barrage of bad economic reports collided with fresh worries about European banks Thursday and triggered a global sell-off in stocks.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 419 points — a return to the wild swings that gripped the stock market last week.

Stocks were only part of a dramatic day across the financial markets. The price of oil fell more than \$5, gold set another record, the government's 10-year Treasury note hit its lowest yield, and the average mortgage rate fell to its lowest in at least 40 years.

The selling began in Asia, where Japanese exports fell for a fifth straight month, and continued in Europe, where bank stocks were hammered because of worries about debt problems there, which have proved hard to contain.

On Wall Street, the losses

wiped out much of the roughly 700 points that the Dow had gained over five days. Some investors who bought in the middle of last week decided to sell after they were confronted with a raft of bad news about the economy:

— More people joined the unemployment line last week than at any time in the past month. The number of people filing claims for unemployment benefits rose to 408,000, or 9,000 more than the week before.

— Inflation at the consumer level in July was the highest since March. More expensive gas, food, clothes and other necessities are squeezing household budgets at a time when most people aren't getting raises.

— Sales of previously occupied homes fell in July for the third time in four months — more trouble for a housing market that can't seem to turn itself around. This year is on pace to be the worst since 1997 for home sales.



Specialist Philip Finale, left, directs trades at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Thursday, Aug. 18, 2011.

Associated Press

— Manufacturing has sharply weakened in the mid-Atlantic states, according to a report from the Federal Reserve. Manufacturing has been one of the strongest parts of the economy since the recession ended in 2009, but its growth has slowed this year.

The manufacturing news was especially bleak on an already bad day, said Dan Greenhaus, chief global strategist at brokerage BTIG. He called the Fed report "an atrocious set of numbers."

"That really set the market on its head," he said.

Wall Street and other financial markets have wrestled for several weeks with fears that a new recession might be in the offing. Morgan Stanley economists said in a report Thursday that the U.S. and Europe are "dangerously close to recession."

"It won't take much in the form of additional shocks to tip the balance," they wrote.

Worries about European debt also hang over the market.

A default by any country would hurt the European banks that hold its bonds, plus American banks that have lent to their European counterparts.

Renewing the fears, The Wall Street Journal reported Thursday that U.S. regulators are looking at the U.S. arms of big European banks to make sure they have enough money for day-to-day operations.

"I don't want to pretend that the market knows what it's thinking about too much," said David Kelly, chief market strategist at JPMorgan Funds. "We live in an environment of sell

now and ask questions later."

Asian markets started Thursday's drop. Japan's Nikkei 225 index fell 1.3 percent. The main stock indexes in South Korea and India each dropped a little more, then Europe more than that — 4.5 percent in Britain and 5.8 percent in Germany.

In the United States, the Dow fell 419.63 points, or 3.7 percent, to 10,990.58. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 53.24, or 4.5 percent, to 1,140.65. The Nasdaq composite fell 131.05, or 5.2 percent, to 2,380.43.

The Dow is down 13.6 percent since stocks began falling July 21 — four weeks that have rattled Americans watching their retirement savings and other investment accounts shrivel. Lee Applegate, a retired sales executive from Cincinnati, watched the latest market plunge uneasily but said he was planning to stay the course with his investments. He and his wife have several retirement accounts.

He remembers the mistake he made in pulling his money out of stocks in early 2009, just before the market started its two-year surge. Since March 9 of that year, the S&P 500 is up 68.6 percent.

"I think things are going to get worse before they get better," Applegate said. "But I'm still going to ride it out." □

Liberty drops Barnes & Noble bid, to invest \$204M

NEW YORK (AP) — Barnes & Noble Inc. said Thursday that Liberty Media, the conglomerate controlled by John Malone, has dropped its \$1 billion bid to buy the bookseller and instead will invest \$204 million in the company.

In May, Liberty Media Corp. offered to buy all of Barnes & Noble, apparently enticed by the potential of the company's Nook electronic reader.

But Barnes & Noble said the takeover talks had been ditched in light of the investment agreement unveiled Thursday.

Under the terms of the deal, Liberty Media bought preferred stock convertible into about 12 million Barnes & Noble shares at \$17 apiece, giving it about a 17 percent stake in the company. The preferred shares will pay an annual dividend of 7.75 percent. Liberty Media will also get two seats on the company's board of directors, which is being expanded to 11 members. It has nominated Greg Maffei, its president and CEO, and Mark Carleton, a senior vice president at the media company, to take the seats on Barnes & Noble's board.

The investment is another boost for New York-based Barnes & Noble, which recently lost a major competitor with rival Borders Group going out of business.

Barnes & Noble had put itself up for sale last year in response to pressure from billionaire activist shareholder Ron Burkle, but the company didn't strike a deal. Burkle has since significantly trimmed his Barnes & Noble stake.

Barnes & Noble has struggled along with other traditional book sellers facing heightened competition from online retailers like Amazon.com and discounters like Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

Leonard Riggio, chairman of Barnes & Noble, said the capital injection from Liberty Media will go toward expanding the company's digital business.

Maffei said Liberty Media is "excited about Barnes & Noble's prospects as the leading bookseller in the U.S. and its growth opportunities in the digital world."

Malone's Liberty Media empire operates three publicly traded companies — Liberty Interactive Inc., Liberty Starz Group and Liberty Capital Group — through which it runs home-shopping network QVC and movie channel Starz. It also holds stakes in online, media and communications companies.

Some industry analysts have speculated that QVC could be used as a marketing vehicle for Barnes & Noble's Nook. □

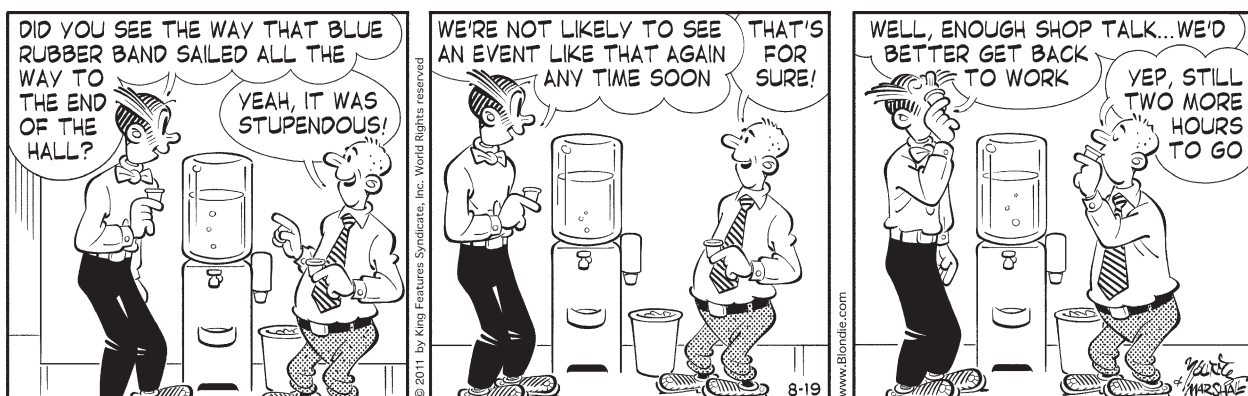
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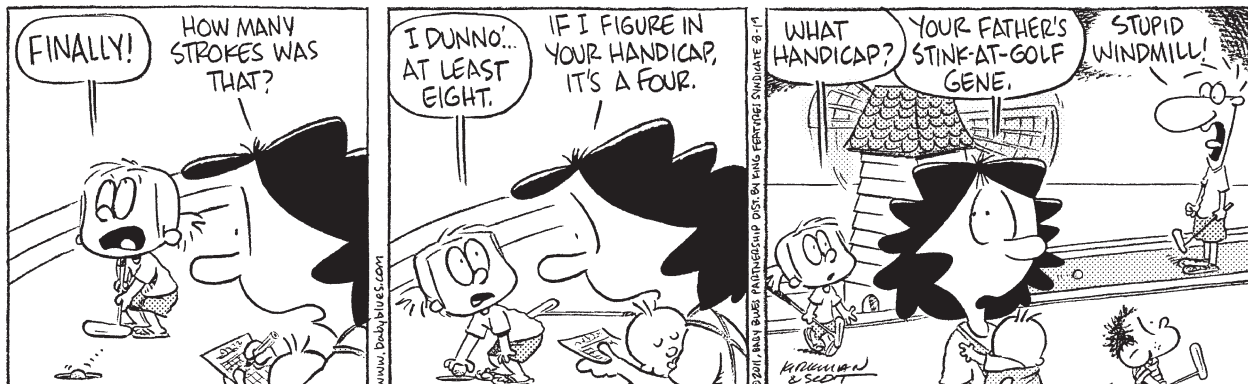
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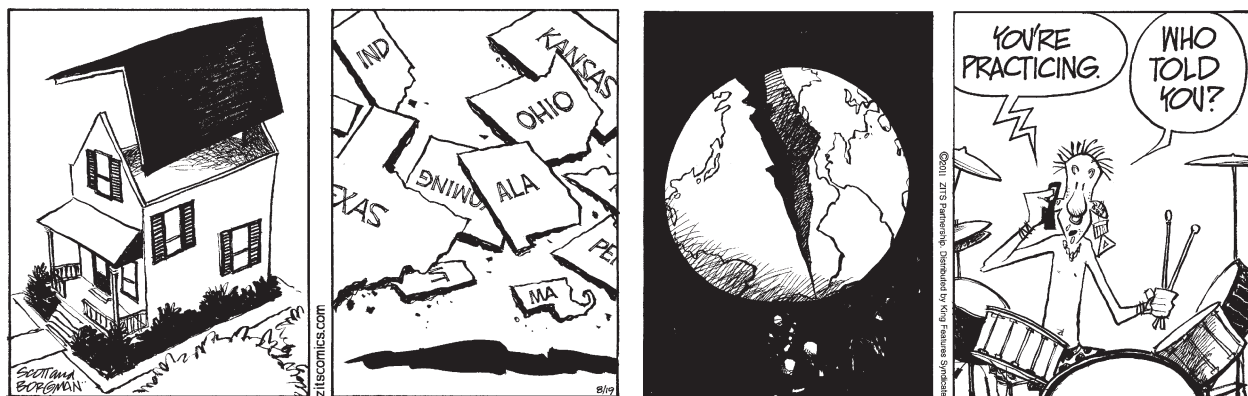
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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- Lager
- Gem surface
- Tiniest particle of an element
- Volcanic output
- suspicion; irreproachable
- Lois __; Clark Kent's love
- Secondhand
- Of the moon
- Peruvian Indian
- Spookiest
- Hauled
- Overwhelming reverent feeling
- __ for; desire strongly
- Give a speech
- Knight or Koppel
- Lunch & dinner
- Telegram
- Hooting bird
- Arthritic swelling
- Wedding words
- One __; each other
- Father
- Get cozy
- Observed
- Peru's capital
- Magnificent
- eBay offer
- Lucifer
- Washbowl
- White lie
- Leaves
- Work through, as a problem
- Yours & mine
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- Swamp critter, for short
- Sports building
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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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- Shine
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- Felon
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- cotta; patio pot material
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- Orangey drink
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- Lake __;
- western U.S. reservoir
- Lamb's mother
- Knight's coat
- Late Russian leader Boris __
- to; because of
- Passenger
- Got up
- Deuce
- Review the financial books
- Camel's smaller cousin
- Family car
- Small bill
- York City
- Church table
- Possessed
- Hot sauce
- Toiled
- Nightclub
- Ashley Judd, to Wynonna
- Brown ermine
- Wild
- Physicians, for short
- Franc replacer
- Paid athletes
- France's Coty
- Strauss
- Conceited
- Building wings
- Chop down

Today in History

Thursday, August 19
The Associated Press

Today is Friday, August 19, the 231st day of 2011. There are 134 days left in the year. Highlights in history on this date:

636 - Khalid ibn Walid's forces defeat Byzantine army at Battle of Yarmuk, sealing the Muslim conquest of Syria.

1587 - Pope Sixtus V proclaims Catholic Crusade for invasion of England.

1601 - Michael the Brave, Prince of Moldavia, is assassinated by Hungarian patriots.

1691 - Louis of Baden defeats Turks at Slankamen, Bulgaria, and Grand Vizier Mustafa Pasa is killed in action. The Turks cede a large portion of Hungary in the subsequent peace.

1796 - France and Spain sign Alliance of San Ildefonso against Britain.

1856 - European powers decide to unite Moldavia with Wallachia.

1914 - British Navy torpedoes and damages German battleship Westfalen in North Sea; German fleet bombards English coast.

1936 - Spanish poet Federico Garcia Lorca is shot by supporters of Franco after being forced to dig his own grave.

1940 - Italian forces take British Somaliland.

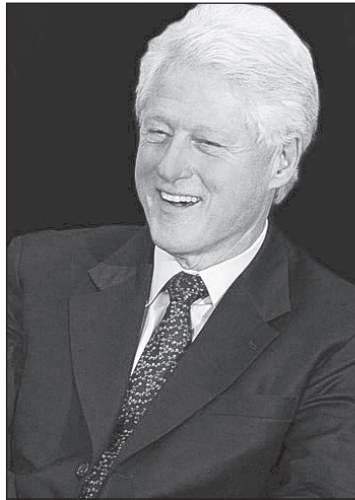
1942 - About 6,000 Canadian and British soldiers launch a disastrous raid against the Germans at Dieppe, France, suffering 50 percent casualties.

1944 - A week before liberation by Allied troops, the French Resistance starts open warfare against the Germans in Paris.

1945 - Start of the August Revolution against French rule in Vietnam, led by Ho Chi Minh and the Viet Minh.

1953 - In Iran, the nationalist government of Prime Minister Mohammad Mosadeq collapses in a U.S.-backed military coup; Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi returns to the country in triumph.

1955 - Severe flooding in America's Northeast caused by Hurricane Diane claims 200 lives.



Today is Bill Clinton's birthday

1960 - Soviet scientists safely bring back to earth a 4,600-kilogram (10,120-pound) satellite carrying two dogs into orbit. The dogs were sent into space the day before.

1966 - More than 500 people die in earthquake in eastern Turkey.

1971 - General Duong van Minh withdraws from presidential elections in South Vietnam, leaving President Nguyen van Thieu unopposed.

1974 - U.S. Ambassador Rodger P. Davies is shot and killed at the American embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus, during a protest by Greek Cypriots.

1979 - Pope John Paul II makes major diplomatic gesture by calling for resumption of ties between Vatican and China's Roman Catholics.

1982 - Svetlana Savitskaya is the second Russian woman to go into space when she is launched with two crewmates aboard a Soyuz T-7 spacecraft.

1986 - Car bomb explodes during morning rush hour in central Tehran, Iran, killing 20 people.

1988 - Hundreds of U.N. observers deploy along Iran-Iraq war front on eve of a

cease-fire, the first step toward ending nearly eight years of bloodshed.

1989 - India's Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi says his country must play bigger role in world affairs as superpowers shift to greater dialogue.

1990 - Refugees fleeing occupied Kuwait say resistance fighters are staging attacks including suicide bombings and that Iraq has been unable to wipe them out.

1991 - Communist hardliners stage coup of Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

1992 - United States and its allies fly reconnaissance missions over southern Iraq to monitor treatment of dissident Shiites and warn they will attack Iraqi planes that interfere.

1993 - Eight Israeli soldiers are killed in bombings by Islamic militants.

1994 - Muslim militants cross border from Afghanistan and attack Russian troops in Tajikistan's civil war.

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Jeanne Becu du Barry, French mistress of Louis XV (1746-1793); Bernard Baruch, U.S. financier (1870-1976); Orville Wright, U.S. aviation pioneer (1871-1948); Georges Enesco, Romanian composer (1881-1955); Gabrielle "Coco" Chanel, French fashion designer (1883-1971); Ogden Nash, U.S. poet (1902-1971); Bill Clinton, U.S. president (1946--); Peter Gallagher, U.S. actor (1955--); Adam Arkin, U.S. actor (1956--).

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Animals moving away from global warming faster



This image provided by Stanford University biologist Scott Loarie, shows an American Pika in Aug. 2008 in Desolation Wilderness in El Dorado County, Calif., near Lake Tahoe.

Associated Press

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AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)

imals across the world are fleeing global warming by heading north much faster than they were less than a decade ago, a new study says.

About 2,000 species examined are moving away from the equator at an average rate of more than 15 feet per day, about a mile per year, according to new research published Thursday in the journal *Science*, which analyzed previous studies. Species are also moving up mountains to escape the heat, but more slowly, averaging about 4 feet a year. The species — mostly from the Northern Hemisphere and including plants — moved in fits and starts, but over several decades it averages to about 8 inches an hour away from the equator.

"The speed is an important issue," said study main au-

thor Chris Thomas of the University of York. "It is faster than we thought."

Included in the analysis was a 2003 study that found species moving north at a rate of just more than a third of a mile per year and up at a rate of 2 feet a year.

Camille Parmesan of the University of Texas, who conducted that study, said the new research makes sense because her data ended around the late 1990s and the 2000s were far hotter.

U.S. government weather data show the last decade was the hottest on record, and 2010 tied with 2005 for the hottest year on record. Gases from the burning of fossil fuel, especially carbon dioxide, are trapping heat in the atmosphere, warming the Earth and changing the climate in several ways, according to the overwhelming majority of scientists and the world's top scientific organizations.

As the temperatures soared in the 2000s, the species studied moved faster to cooler places, Parmesan said.

She pointed specifically to the city copper butterfly in Europe and the purple emperor butterfly in Sweden. The comma butterfly in Britain has moved more than 135 miles in 21 years, Thomas said.

It's "independent confirmation that the climate is changing," Parmesan said. One of the faster moving species is the British spider *Silometopus*, Thomas said. In 25 years, the small spider has moved its home range more than 200 miles north, averaging 8 miles a year, he said.

Stanford University biologist Terry Root, who wasn't part of this study but praised it as clever and conservative, points to another species, the American pika, a rabbitlike creature that has been studied in Yellowstone National Park for more than a century.

The pika didn't go higher than 7,800 feet in 1900, but in 2004 they were seen at 9,500 feet, she said.

For Thomas, this is something he notices every time he returns to his childhood home in southern England. The 51-year-old biologist didn't see the egret, a rather warm climate bird, in the Cuckmere Valley while growing up. But now, he said, "All the ditches have little egrets. It was just a bizarre sight."

Thomas plotted the movement of the species and compared it to how much they would move based on temperature changes. It was a near perfect match, showing that temperature changes explain what is happening to the critters and plants, Thomas said. □

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'The Hedgehog': looking beyond the prickliness

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Paloma Josse (Garance Le Guillermic), the blase narrator of Mona Achache's film "The Hedgehog," is a precociously articulate 11-year-old girl from an upper-class Parisian family who sneaks around with her father's old camcorder as if she were a spy in her own household. Peering owl-like over her John Lennon glasses, she airily disparages her affluent "fish-bowl" existence. It's not for her, she announces. That's why she is planning her suicide on the day she turns 12, using her mother's pills, which she stockpiles, one at a time. The symbol of the existence she despises is the family's pet goldfish, on which her older sister, Colombe (Sarah Le Picard), dotes. When Paloma, as an experiment, tosses a pill into the tank, the fish gulps it and immediately goes limp. Paloma's final act before her demise, she declares, will be to complete her home movie, which shows "why life is absurd." She confides to the camera in a whisper that her high-strung mother, Solange (Anne Brochet), talks to her plants as if they were people, pacifies herself with Champagne and antidepressants and has been in psychoanalysis for 10 years. Paloma's father, Paul (Wladimir Yordanoff), is a politician too distracted by the pressures of work to be more than a token dad. The things that come out of Paloma's mouth can be startling, like her statement that only psychoanalysis rivals religion in its love of suffering. Although Paloma is the film's narrator, "The Hedgehog," freely adapted from Muriel Barbery's best-selling novel "The Elegance of the Hedgehog," is a three-character fable in which Paloma learns compassion from two eccentric adult residents in her fancy apartment building.

One is its concierge, Renee Michel (Josiane Balasko), a forbidding, unkempt 54-year-old widow who maintains a politely chilly

distance from the tenants. The movie's namesake, she is prickly on the outside but refined and vulnerable underneath, and Balasko's wonderful performance captures every layer. When Renee finally warms up, her sudden glow of well-being recalls the scene from "Babette's Feast" in which the hard-bitten residents of a village savor gourmet food for the first time.

The other, Kakuro Ozu (Togo Igawa), is a rich, courtly Japanese man who moves into the building and befriends Renee. He awakens in her a dormant zest for companionship. When Kakuro overhears her muttering, "Happy families are all alike," he recognizes the opening sentence from "Anna Karenina" and chimes in, "Every unhappy family is unhappy in its own

way."

As the two embark on a chaste romance, Renee visits a hairdresser and emerges looking severely elegant. Eventually, she even cracks a smile. For years, Renee has carried on a secret life as a voracious and discriminating reader from her personal library in the back room of her apartment. Her cat is even named Leo (after

Tolstoy). Kakuro's first gift to her is a beautifully bound edition of "Anna Karenina." As Paloma tiptoes around these two, she is drawn to their quirky personal authenticity. Acknowledging the parts of ourselves that we keep hidden is one of the themes of a film that poignantly celebrates the autonomous inner life, which is exquisitely evoked by Gabriel Yared's tender score. With its literary and cinematic namedropping, "The Hedgehog" unabashedly strokes the upscale, educated audience it is likely to attract. That Kakuro shares a name with the great Japanese filmmaker Yasujiro Ozu is remarked upon. And as his gentle courtship of Renee proceeds, he prepares exquisite Japanese meals, teaches her how to slurp noodles and screens the 1950 Ozu film "The Munekata Sisters" on a giant home video screen.

At times "The Hedgehog" suggests a Gallic "Harold and Maude," with an intellectual gloss as it celebrates the life force passed from an older generation to a younger. But its concept of vitality isn't the popular cliché of kicking up your heels, breathing deeply and gorging on ice cream. It is an aesthete's ideal of pursuing moments of ecstatic perfection in art and companionship.

Paloma also loves to draw, and in the film her work sometimes springs into motion, taking on an animated life of its own. These brief segments aren't frivolous embellishments but illustrations of the vibrant imagination and creativity that "The Hedgehog" exalts as a partial antidote to the malaise that grips Paloma and her mother. But even that is not enough. It takes a fateful shock to awaken Paloma from her spiritual lethargy. The film's moral can be distilled in the famous E.M. Forster dictum from "Howards End": "Only connect." This endearing, if somewhat twee, movie gently reminds you of its truth. □



An undated handout photo of Togo Igawa in Mona Achache's "The Hedgehog." Muriel Barbery's novel "The Elegance of the Hedgehog" was the inspiration for Achache's film, in which a bright but fatalistic child learns the joy of life from some eccentric elders.

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An undated handout photo of Garance Le Guillermic, left, and Josiane Balasko in Mona Achache's "The Hedgehog." Muriel Barbery's novel "The Elegance of the Hedgehog" was the inspiration for Achache's film, in which a bright but fatalistic child learns the joy of life from some eccentric elders.

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Writers: out-imagining

9/11 attack

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NEW YORK (AP) — Ten years later, and Americans' imaginations still are catching up to Sept. 11, 2001.

"I don't think art can 'compete' with something like 9/11," says Jess Walter, whose post 9/11 novel "The Zero" was a National Book Award finalist in 2006. "What could be sharper than our images of that day, whether we saw it in person or witnessed it on TV? Who could make a movie as vivid as the picture we get when we close our eyes — the smoking tower, the clear sky, the second jet banking toward the other tower?"

Scores of books, films and plays have narrated and analyzed the terror attacks, their causes and the emotional, cultural and political effects. The responses have evolved from the quiet grief of Anne Nelson's play "The Guys" to such international thrillers as the film "Babel" to Joseph O'Neill's reflective novel "Netherland." But no fictional character or invented story has forced itself into our minds like the events themselves. No movie has matched the power, and the horror, of the snufflike footage of the plane hitting the World Trade Center's south tower, or the iconic Associated Press photograph of a man falling from the north tower. Sept. 11 was a new way to fear. Since the days of Puritan sermons, the American mind has summoned a wrathful god, ghosts of sins past, nuclear Armageddon, Cold War spies, lone assassins and invasions from outer space. The attacks were a different kind of nightmare: plotted from thousands of miles away; masterminded not by a head of state but by an exiled fanatic and carried out not by a professional army but by a disparate band of suicidal volunteers. Our terrors are now global, as in Salman Rushdie's "Shalimar the Clown," a novel about a tightrope walker-turned-killer set everywhere from California to Kashmir. □

MDA telethon making major changes without Lewis

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Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — Comedian Jerry Lewis' conspicuous absence will not be the only change at the Muscular Dystrophy Association's telethon this Labor Day weekend.

The Arizona-based organization is making major changes to the telethon, slashing it down from a nearly 22-hour show to six hours of prime-time television in an effort to boost audience numbers, raise more money, and make sponsors and celebrities happy.

The association announced many of the changes Thursday as it moves on from a 45-year partnership with Lewis.

The 85-year-old Lewis and the association still haven't said why they've parted ways, but the move doesn't appear to be hindering the group's plans for the Sunday, Sept. 4, telethon.

"While we deeply appreciate everything that Jerry Lewis has done and his enduring legacy for MDA, our show will go on," MDA spokesman Jim Brown told The Associated Press from Tucson.

"It's really not in the best interest of MDA ... to discuss publicly details about what Jerry appears to agree with or didn't disagree with."

MDA announced earlier this month that Lewis was no longer its national chairman and wouldn't be on this year's telethon.

When pressed by a reporter at the time about his role with the telethon, Lewis said: "It's none of your business."

Lewis later said he would hold a press conference the day after the telethon to clarify his plans.

"I will have plenty to say about what I think is important. And that's the future, not the past," he said.

Candi Cazau, a Las Vegas-based publicist for Lewis, said Thursday that the comedian can't comment about the telethon or his departure from MDA, though it's not clear why. She declined to comment further.

Since 1966, the telethon

has lasted 21½ hours, with Lewis at the helm, and has raised more than \$1.6 billion.

Now the telethon will begin at 6 p.m. and end at midnight in all time zones. The show, being taped in Las

whether that was a factor in Lewis' departure from the show.

The shorter air time is in response to television affiliates that complained of the telethon's length, and will ensure a prime-time au-

Lythgoe, "Entertainment Tonight" anchor Nancy O'Dell, "The Biggest Loser" host Alison Sweeney, and journalist and TV producer Jann Carl.

"With social media as strong as it is, it's very help-



Comedian Paul Rodriguez, at podium, expresses the comedians support for Jerry Lewis to be reinstated as host of the annual Muscular Dystrophy Association, MDA Telethon, at the Laugh Factory in Los Angeles. Comedians include from left in front row: Norm Crosby, Rodriguez, Jamie Masada. In the background, from left: Jason Stuart, Angelo Tsarouchas, Larry Miller and Tom Dreesen.

(AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes)

Vegas, will air live only on the East Coast.

Everyone else in the country will watch the telethon delayed, with two eight-minute segments airing live every hour, Brown said.

He said the association has been discussing the much shorter telethon for at least a year but declined to say

dience for celebrities and sponsors, Brown said.

Among the celebrities that the association said will appear on the show: Celine Dion, Jennifer Lopez, Lady Antebellum, Richie Sambora and Jordan Sparks.

The show will be co-hosted by "American Idol" executive producer Nigel

ful for top talent to say, "Look for me at 6:30 in any time zone,"

Brown said. "Talent is a factor because when we got into the overnight hours, it was harder to get the bigger names to perform for a smaller audience. Everyone wants to be prime time." □

F-bombs and PG-13 movies

GLENN WHIPP

For The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Those extra expletives you're hearing at the movies these days aren't just echoes. PG-13 movies, officially allowed one nonsexual F-word per script, are making increased use of that allotment — and more — as filmmakers work the rules in a world where R-rated comedies full of both male and female trash talk have become a summertime staple.

Recent PG-13 examples include F-bomb reactions to Ryan Gosling's abs in "Crazy Stupid Love," Bryan

Cranston's boorish behavior in "Larry Crowne" and those rampaging robots in "Transformers: Dark of the Moon."

"Filmmakers are certainly using it more often, taking advantage of it," says Joan Graves, head of the Motion Picture Association of America's Classification and Rating Administration. Using the F-word outside of the R-rated world certainly isn't a new phenomenon. In fact, prior to the adoption of the PG-13 rating in 1984, the F-word would periodically pop up in PG movies. Even after the creation of the PG-13 rating, movies

like "Big" and "Beetlejuice" sneaked in the F-word and still secured a PG rating.

Those days are gone, but the expletive isn't — now uttered outside the province of the R-rating nearly as often as Hollywood does sequels.

"Making a PG-13 movie, it's always a pick-and-choose battle of where do you want to use one because, often with improvisation, a couple of F-words will creep into the movie," says "Crazy Stupid Love" screenwriter Dan Fogelman. "So you want to pick the best one, the most appropriate one." □

Heroes, until they've arrived

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A little Rick Perry goes a very long way.

That was one lesson of the last few days, when this proud cowboy, whose stride into the presidential derby had been as lustrous and neatly styled as his mane, began to show more than a few split ends.

He fantasized aloud about the "ugly" justice that Texans might administer to the Federal Reserve chairman, whom I'd advise to connect through Chicago instead of Dallas for the time being. He questioned President Barack Obama's love of country, perhaps presenting a fallback position for birthers frustrated by that pesky certificate. He carped that a specific licensing requirement for tractors was "idiotic," which it absolutely would be, except for one teensy, party-spoiling detail. It doesn't exist. And thus did a candidate who appeared so fearsome on the horizon — and who, for now, rides high in polls — come to look somewhat frizzier and patchier in the barnyard upon closer inspection. The hair is always thicker on the other side of the trough.

In politics, as in life, we romanticize what we don't yet have, and once Republicans officially had Perry, the doubting flowered, each day bringing fresh worry about the blemishes on his record, like his chatter about secession.

The drumbeat within the party for more, better candidates has already resumed, with Karl Rove on the tom-toms, The Wall Street Journal's editorial page on the snare and the website Politico on the conga with this headline, stripped across the top of the screen late Tuesday: "GOP eyes new 2012 candidates." The accompanying photos were of Sarah Palin, Chris Christie, Paul Ryan and ... Rudy Giuliani? Some Republicans never learn.

The party's (and news media's) yearning is understandable — and reassuring. Perry and Michele Bachmann, with their particular evangelical fervor, frighten many Republicans as much as they do Democrats and could be general-election arsenic. Mitt Romney has all that mighty morphin' to explain, in addition to a passion deficit as striking as Perry's and Bachmann's surpluses.

But Christie, Ryan and Marco Rubio — to take three objects of idealization — aren't dream candidates, either.

Christie, who reiterated Wednesday that he's not planning to run, had great success muscling his agenda of pension reform and fiscal restraint through a New Jersey Legislature controlled by Democrats. But he hasn't logged even two years as governor, and his prior experience in elective office is negligible.

Because his opponent in the governor's race was the rich, relentless Jon Corzine, he has been vetted, but only in the context of a state job. Ask Republican leaders what his foreign policy positions are. They don't know because he'd be producing them from scratch. And then there's the matter of his health. Although a Quinnipiac poll released on Wednesday found that only about one in five New Jersey residents was concerned about it, the intense focus on his recent asthma attack suggests that the news media, at least, would be ever braced for the worst. That's a potential distraction from whatever message he's putting out.

As for Ryan, he's the face of a proposed Medicare retrenchment that met widespread public protest, forgotten only because the debt-ceiling showdown stole the stage. It would be remembered in a general election, and he'd have to campaign as the blue-eyed Grinch Who Stole Grandma's Boniva.

In the primaries, he'd have to explain a record that challenges his Immaculate Fiscal Conservative image. Before the 2010 midterms brought a stringent new orthodoxy, he voted for the auto bailout. He voted for TARP.

That's now Tea Party anathema and was precisely the cudgel Perry used to flatten Kay Bailey Hutchison in his 2010 re-election race.

As for Rubio, he's an opposite-side-of-the-aisle mirror of Obama, a minority who would be going from state legislator to newbie senator to presidential aspirant with perhaps too much hurry and too little seasoning. That reflection would be noted and noted by primary opponents.

The list of golden contenders who turned to dross once they contended is long. Remember Wesley Clark in 2004? Fred Thompson last time around? Jon Huntsman this time around?

Huntsman may bounce back. You never know. We should bear in mind that around this juncture four years ago, Giuliani was a plausible nominee, and pundits presaged a battle between him and Hillary Clinton. Oh, the memories!

And we should acknowledge the rose-colored glasses we don when pondering a hypothetical future — or a reconstituted past.

Several political junkies have described Perry to me as the less polished George W. Bush. But Bush commenced his first presidential campaign with a bumper crop of gaffes. Perry has some catching up to do. The arc, though, is foreordained. Now that he's campaign flesh and bone, he'll have to travel at least partway from Shane to shame. □



Field of dashed dreams



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PEOSTA, Iowa — The president was in "Afternoon of a Faun" mode, a rural deity playing on his panpipes in the woods. Then, suddenly, he stood very still as he sensed electoral danger. After assuring Barack Obama that she was a supporter, an Iowa mother named Emily asked the president at a town hall at the Seed Savers Exchange in Decorah what had gone wrong.

Standing in a setting that was Martha Stewart-perfect — red barn with an American flag, surrounded by white pines, red cedars and pink zinnias — the president looked breezy in khakis and white shirt. But he seemed to tense up as Emily spoke.

"So when you ran for office you built a tremendous amount of trust with the American people, that you seemed like someone who wouldn't move the bar on us," Emily said. "And it seems, especially in the last year, as if your negotiating tactics have sort of cut away at that trust by compromising some key principles that we believed in, like repealing the tax cut, not fighting harder for single-payer. Even Social Security and Medicare seemed on the line when we were dealing with the debt ceiling. So I'm just curious, moving forward, what prevents you from taking a harder negotiating stance, being that it seems that the Republicans are taking a really hard stance?"

The president defended himself with a tinge of resignation:

If the crazed bullies put a gun to your head, you must surrender.

"Now, I know that people would like to say, 'Well, just do something to get these guys under control,'" he told Emily, adding: "You don't want to reward unreasonableness. Look, I get that. But sometimes you've got to make choices in order to do what's best for the country at that particular moment."

The answer must have seemed lame even to Obama because, on the spur of the moment, he felt backed into doing what many in his White House and party wish he had done long ago. He told Emily he would put forward "a very specific plan to boost the economy, to create jobs and to control our deficit." (But not until September.)

Driving through Midwest cornfields in his opaque, black, custom-made, \$1.1 million "Matrix" bus, our opaque president found himself in The Field of Dashed Dreams. If you don't build it, they may not come. Dubuque's Telegraph Herald published a front-page editorial, suggesting to the president that he could have skipped the campaign-style trip and "sent the savings to Dubuque County and Northwest Illinois, which were inundated by flash floods less than three weeks ago" but didn't get federal assistance.

Obama spent Tuesday here in Peosta squirreled away in rural economic forums; he said afterward that they talked about such things as cows grazing next to solar panels and "helping farms manage manure in creative ways." The president made his sobering case that America is still great while Gov. Rick Perry barreled past on his own bus, breaking creative new ground in volatility.

As Obama did dressage, Perry galloped through Iowa like an unbroken stallion in danger of cracking a leg.

The Texas governor called the president "the greatest threat to our country" and

questioned his patriotism and sense of duty. The former Air Force pilot said the military and veterans would prefer a commander in chief who had been in uniform.

Perry said Ben Bernanke, the Federal Reserve chairman, would commit a "treasonous" act if he "prints more money" and threatened Lee Marvin justice. "We would treat him pretty ugly down in Texas," he said. Why do conservatives always have to call people traitors? Why can't they just say, "You're mistaken"?

By the end of the day, it was a barroom brawl, with Karl Rove telling Fox News that it was not "presidential" to call the Fed chief, appointed by the second President Bush, a traitor. (When Team W. calls you a yahoo, you're in trouble.)

Obama batted away the Texan, as did Jay Carney, the White House spokesman, who told me: "We may disagree with our political opponents, but we certainly think they're all patriots — even those who wanted to secede from the union."

While Perry was playing the retro trigger-happy cowboy, Obama was playing the retro henpecked husband.

In Cannon Falls, Minn., the president compared negotiating with House Republicans to negotiating with his wife.

"In my house," Obama noted, "if I said, 'You, know, Michelle, honey, we got to cut back, so we're going to have you stop shopping completely. You can't buy shoes; you can't buy dresses; but I'm keeping my golf clubs.' You know, that wouldn't go over so well."

In Decorah, he said: "Everybody cannot get 100 percent of what they want. Now, for those of you who are married, there is an analogy here. I basically let Michelle have 90 percent of what she wants. But, at a certain point, I have to draw the line and say, 'Give me my little 10 percent.'"

Maybe Michelle should be the one negotiating with the Republicans. □

And a frog shall lead them: Henson's legacy

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NEW YORK – Cookie Monster has an important lesson for Don Draper.

If you're wondering what a fuzzy blue Muppet, adored by millions of children, could possibly have to do with the debonair protagonist of television's "Mad Men," you'll have to visit the Museum of the Moving Image in Queens. Its new exhibition "Jim Henson's Fantastic World" shows that Henson, the designer, puppeteer and filmmaker probably best known for "Sesame Street" and "The Muppet Show," was once quite a Mad Man himself. Cookie Monster evolved from the Wheel Stealer, one of several puppet creatures Henson invented who consume a family's snacks in a 1960s television commercial. He later appeared on TV chomping an IBM computer. According to the exhibition, Henson had hit on something that the era's advertising mavens had hardly considered: Humor sells products. "He was also making fun of Madison Avenue and the way things were sold, and yet he was very successful at it," Karen Falk, the show's curator, said in an interview. "He was much loved by the Madison Avenue executives. Maybe having it come from a puppet character made it OK."

Henson the subversive advertising genius is just one of the lesser-known identities the exhibition reveals. It also portrays Henson the graphic designer, Henson the product of the '60s counterculture, Henson the experimental filmmaker and Henson the creative collaborator. The \$300 million, 3,500-square-foot show, consisting of more than 120 artifacts, has come to New York as its last stop on a four-year tour organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. Tracing Henson's development from his Mississippi childhood and Maryland high school and college years

until his death from pneumonia in New York in 1990 (he was only 53), it comprises – along with a wealth of film and video – sketches,

company archives, which Falk directs.

"There hadn't been a traveling exhibition particularly devoted to Jim, ever," said

Muppet, who went from dog food commercials to "The Jimmy Dean Show"; the wise minstrel Cantus from "Fraggle Rock," an-

January after an extensive renovation. But Carl Goodman, the museum's executive director, passionately wanted the show: Henson's company and his creative home were just blocks away. Being an added stop has brought benefits. The exhibition runs in New York a full six months, twice as long as anywhere else. "Other institutions who've hosted it would treat it as a kids' exhibition and have programs just for younger people," Goodman said. "We've been heartened to see that kids do love it and that we didn't have to bring it down to their level." Instead the museum has devised programs, many for adults, featuring Henson's collaborators as leaders and guests. They include "Look Both Ways and Go" (Sept. 18), an afternoon with Jane Henson, her husband's original creative partner; "Muppet Music Moments: A Weekend Celebration of Jim Henson's Birthday" (Sept. 24 and 25), with the music consultant Larry Grossman; and "Being Elmo: A Puppeteer's Journey" (Sept. 25), a screening of a film about the "Sesame Street" puppeteer Kevin Clash, which he and the director, Constance Marks, will attend. This Saturday and Sunday the museum offers "Sound Effects," an interactive family workshop about "The Muppet Movie."

With its multiple theaters, the museum can also enhance the exhibition in ways not possible elsewhere. Screenings will feature Henson projects outside the show's main focus, like the science-fiction film "The Labyrinth" (1986) and episodes from his 1980s TV series "The Storyteller" and "The Jim Henson Hour." "The story of how he developed his thinking process and how his creativity grew from that make up the core of our show," said Deborah Macanic, the project director at the Smithsonian. "If we had focused a lot on individual film projects, we wouldn't have been able to tell that story." □



Jim Henson, a puppeteer and filmmaker probably best known for "Sesame Street" and "The Muppet Show," with Kermit the Frog, in an undated handout image. The new exhibition "Jim Henson's Fantastic World" at the Museum of the Moving Image, which reveals Henson's many identities, will run through Jan. 16.

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A visitor is welcomed by Kermit the Frog in the entrance of the "Jim Henson's Fantastic World" exhibition at the Museum of the Moving Image in New York. The new exhibition, which reveals Henson's many identities, will run through Jan. 16.

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notes, photographs, television pitches, storyboards, and even doodles and office memos.

"A lot of this material I found in boxes Jim had saved and labeled 'Old Production Files,'" said Craig Shemin, president of the Jim Henson Legacy, the organization that created the exhibition with the Smithsonian. "Jim saved everything." When Shemin was working for the Jim Henson Co. in the 1990s, "the production department said, 'Oh, we don't need these,'" he recalled, referring to the boxes. The trove went into the

Falk, who broached the idea to the Smithsonian with Henson's widow, Jane Henson. "The other shows that have gone up were much more about the Muppets."

Not that "Jim Henson's Fantastic World" lacks Muppets. Its more than a dozen examples include Kermit, the unflappable, easygoing frog whom Henson regarded as his alter ego; Bert and Ernie, the "Sesame Street" pals who embodied Henson's comedic partnership with the puppeteer Frank Oz; Rowlf the dog, the first nationally known

other Henson stand-in; and the inimitable Miss Piggy, absent from most of the tour but resplendent here in a wedding dress. (She had not been available until the show was nearing its end, said Bonnie Erickson, the designer who created her and the executive director of the Jim Henson Legacy. "But she's delighted to be in New York and on display.") The entire exhibition, let alone Miss Piggy, almost didn't make it to Queens; the tour was to conclude before the Museum of the Moving Image reopened in